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## Duncan on committee probing civil justice laws

Solons looking for connections between laws, insurance costs

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

State Senator Robert Duncan, who represents Big Spring in the state senate, will be a member of a special committee appointed by Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock to examine the state's current civil justice laws and their links to insurance costs.



DUNCAN

Duncan, who was elected to the state senate in 1996, said the committee will have a large array of issues to tackle between now and Oct. 1, 1998, when it is scheduled to make its recommendations to Bullock.

"It's going to be a lot of work," Duncan conceded. "But we've been looking at these

issues for quite some time ... so we'll look to see if we can narrow the scope of some of these issues ... I think these are significant issues, and I applaud the lieutenant governor for addressing them."

State Sen. David Sibley (R-Waco) will chair the committee. Joining Duncan (R-Lubbock) on the panel will be senators Gonzalo Barrientos (D-Austin), Teel Bivins (R-Amarillo), J.E. "Buster" Brown (R-Lake Jackson), David Cain (D-Dallas) and Eliot Shapleigh (D-El Paso).

Bullock's main charge, Duncan said, is to study liability laws in Texas and see if any way can be found to lower consumer costs.

He asked the panel to look at alternatives to the current mandatory liability system, saying rising problems with uninsured and under-insured motorists and financial liability fraud put the current system at risk.

"The committee should examine alternative automobile insurance systems, including so-called 'no-fault' plans and make legislative or regulatory recommendations," Bullock said.

He added there are signs of dissatisfaction

with the system in the areas of enforcement of mandatory automobile insurance laws, expenses and delays in resolving claims.

"Anytime a system doesn't work well, it usually means that the consumers will pay extra," he said.

"We need to study liability insurance and see if there's any viable no-fault options available, and what the cost of such a system would be to Texas consumers," Duncan said. "And we also need to see what can be done to lower costs."

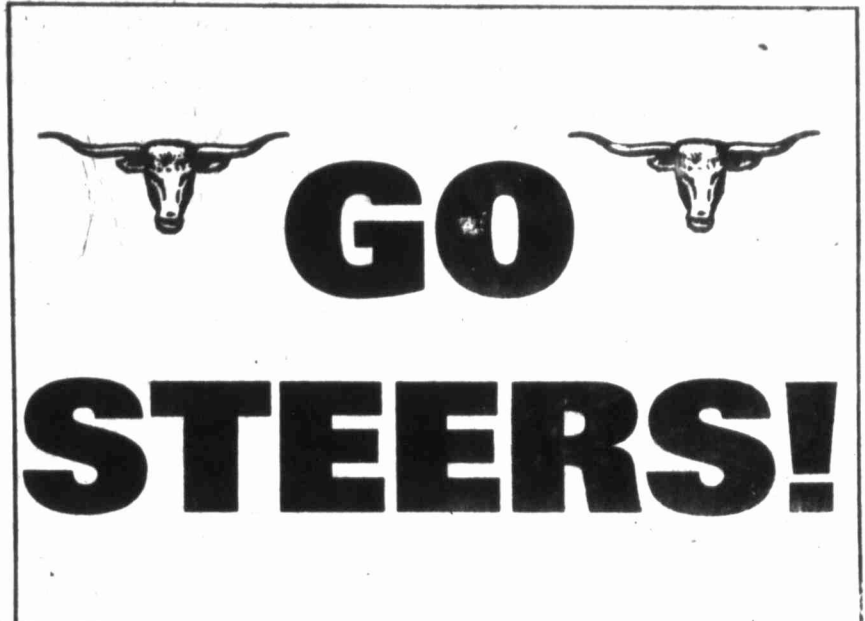
Although several states currently have no-fault options, Duncan said such a system in Texas may not be economically feasible.

"I'm concerned about no-fault insurance," he said. "Other states that have instituted it have not realized significant savings, so I'm not sure it's the answer we're looking for. Maybe there are other ways we can get a better handle on automobile insurance."

The last major legislative study of the state's civil justice system laws was a House-Senate joint committee report completed in 1987. Since that time, lawmakers have enacted major tort reform legislation

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## Moore Development: Focusing on the city's future

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

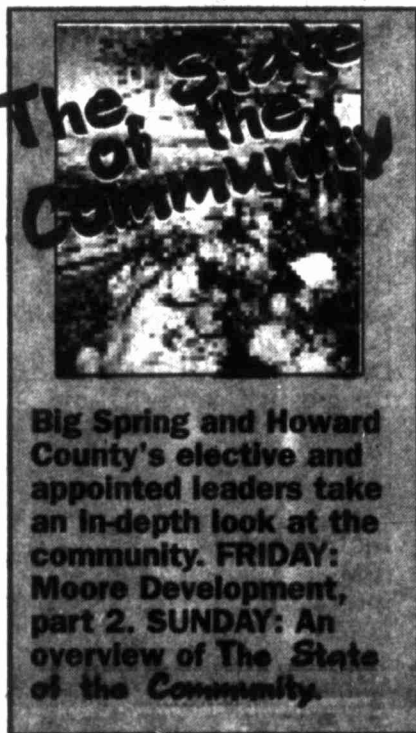
The future of Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. is a matter of priority and focus, especially with most major West Texas cities, with the exception of Midland, getting into the economic development game.

Economic development and the means to create a fund to pilot it can make a tremendous difference to a community as evidenced by tiny Mitchell County (Colorado City) with an overall population of 8,713 and yes — an economic development board.

The two biggest successes Moore has had in its seven year existence happened earlier this year — Signal Homes and Big Spring being awarded one of four Texas Veterans Homes, which will be a 150-bed facility on about 25 acres on a site on the south side of the Big Spring State Hospital off of U.S. Hwy 87. It also means approximately 165 new jobs for Big Spring in a wide range of areas and an annual of about \$3.3 million.

Signal Homes has created approximately 125 jobs and has an estimated annual payroll of \$2.5 million.

Moore was issued a Certificate of Incorporation in September 1990 and began operations on Oct. 1, 1990. In its seven years of existence, according to a summary and analysis of it operations, Moore has retained or helped create 893 jobs in Big Spring and has issued incentives totaling \$5,330,270 to some 20 businesses doing business in Big Spring. The average annual payroll of



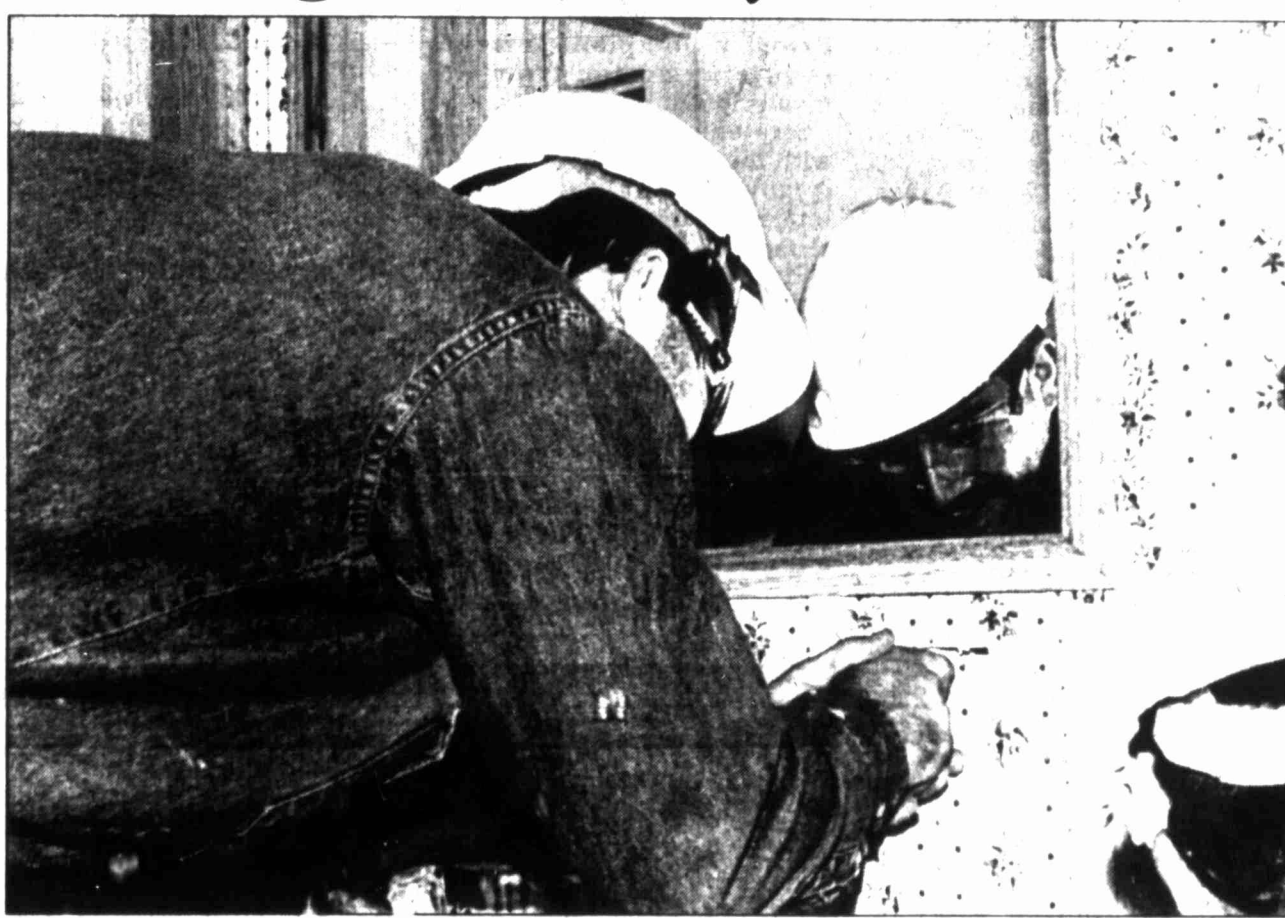
Big Spring and Howard County's elective and appointed leaders take an in-depth look at the community. FRIDAY: Moore Development, part 2. SUNDAY: An overview of The State of the Community.

these businesses, according to Moore's estimate, is that each job retained or created carries an annual salary of \$20,000, is \$17,860,000.

Moore also assumes that 40 percent of this payroll is retained in the Big Spring community, meaning since its inception, Moore Development has helped retain more than \$7,144,000 to the Big Spring economy.

It is also estimated that the payroll will turn over four times in the Big Spring community, meaning more than \$28,576,000 has flowed through the local economy in the last six years as a result of economic development efforts. The overall economic impact of these efforts during a 10 year period is estimated to be \$285,760,000.

For the current fiscal year, Moore plans to continue the



Signal Homes employee Paul Endricht puts a few final touches on the first home to come out of Signal's Big Spring plant. Recently, the manufactured housing facility celebrated the completion of its 100th home since moving to Big Spring.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

momentum created in 1997, for which it outlined goals at its annual meeting in October.

Moore's goals for 1997-98 include:

**Goal One: To increase employment by 130 new jobs and the ad valorem tax base by \$4 million.**

Some of the strategies for business attraction and recruitment include continuing to develop and implement Moore's marketing program for bringing new industries to Big Spring by

striving to:

- Develop roads and infrastructure to 328 acres of land owned by Moore for potential industrial development.

- Resolve land issues regarding additional land for Signal Homes.

- Implement public relations plan and advertising plan to market Big Spring.

- Complete design and production of an aviation brochure and new industry attraction brochure for trade shows and

direct mail campaigns.

- Continue to market McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark for aviation related industries.

- Research alternate funding sources for industries such as revenue bonds, tax increment financing, Texas Capital Fund, rural development loans, EDA funds and 4b sales tax funding.

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## Gramm aide sidesteps candidacy question

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**  
Staff Writer

Will Texas have another Presidential candidate on the 2000 ballot and will that candidate be U.S. Senator Phil Gramm?

Gramm's State Director Ed Hodges was in Big Spring last week discussing the Byrd-Gramm Amendment, which, if passed, would redirect the 4/3-cent a gallon gasoline tax passed in 1993 to the federal highway fund and create an additional \$2 billion in highways funds for Texas.

The amendment being debated this week in the U.S. Senate before Congress recesses for the holidays was Hodges' primary topic as he addressed members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, but he did not rule out another Gramm bid for the White House.

"Senator Gramm has a full legislative slate and has not decided if he'll make another run for the White House," Hodges said. "But, what you will hear Sen. Gramm talking a lot about in the next two years is Medicare."

"More than 200,000 people will retire in 1997 and 13 years from now the first 'baby boomers' will start retiring as well," Hodges said. "The number of baby boomers retiring will stay constant at 1.6 million a year for about 15 years."

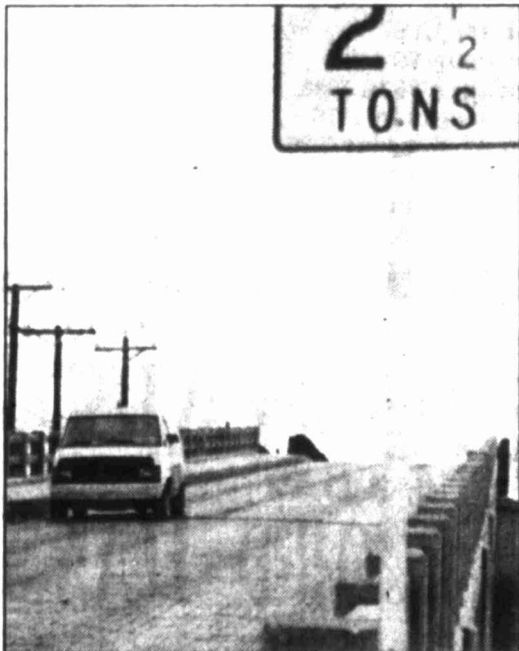
According to Hodges, this is a major concern for Gramm, especially where Medicare is concerned.

"In 1965 Medicare was created — a time when baby boomers were around 19 years old," Hodges said. "It currently takes 3.9 workers to maintain one retiree. In three years that number will drop to two workers."

"Unless we dramatically change the Medicare system, Sen. Gramm feels we'll have to double payroll taxes in 13 years," Hodges added. "We would be looking at a 58 percent tax rate. In essence, the working people are taking care of the retirees through Medicare."

Hodges said the unfunded liability of Medicare is \$2.6 trillion on the taxpayer and Social Security is an \$11 trillion unfunded liability.

A vehicle passes over the Benton Street Bridge Wednesday afternoon. The Federal Highway Administration has declared the bridge sub-standard and recommended that it be replaced.



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## Two Howard Co. bridges on fed's list

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

Two bridges in Howard County are in serious need of repair, and one needs replacing altogether, according to federal highway records.

Federal Highway Administration records show that nearly one-third of the nation's bridges are in some degree of disrepair. FHA officials stated that 182,730 of the nation's 581,942 bridges — 31.4 percent — were rated deficient as of June 30, 1996.

Two of those deficient bridges are in Howard County, and one —

the landmark Benton Street bridge in Big Spring — should be replaced, FHA officials recommended.

The other bridge, on Interstate 20 spanning Sandy Draw, is in need of widened approaches and general rehabilitation, FHA records show.

The Benton Street bridge is classified as a Level 1 project — in need of replacement — by the Texas Department of Transportation, a TxDOT spokesperson said.

As a Level 1 project, the Benton bridge would be one of the first ones replaced as money comes available for the project, but such

work is not likely to be forthcoming, TxDOT public information officer Mary Beth Kilgore said.

The project will probably be canceled, Kilgore said, because the city of Big Spring cannot come up with its share of the \$999,000 cost of the replacement. Of that figure, 80 percent would come from the federal government, 10 percent from the state and the remainder from the city.

It would cost the city about \$100,000 — not counting purchasing rights-of-way and utility adjust

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## Kight stays with 85,000 bale prediction, quality drops

By **STEVE REAGAN**  
Staff Writer

If the current wet weather ever decides to go elsewhere, Howard County's 1997 cotton harvest could soon become history.

County Extension Agent David Kight estimated that 75 percent of the cotton harvest for the county was completed, with the other 25 percent basically for drier weather and a good, hard freeze.

"Obviously, the weather has stopped the harvest," Kight said.

"We've got about 25 percent to go ... and gins in the county will continue operating quite a while after that because they've got a pretty big backlog."

Kight is sticking to his estimate that 85,000 bales of cotton will be harvested in Howard County, but has downgraded his assessment of the crop's overall quality.

"The quality's been average," Kight said. "It's not been real great or real bad, but it's been definitely average."

While inclement weather can certainly have an effect on a

cotton plant, Kight was hesitant to blame recent inclement weather on his revised estimate.

"Anytime after a boll opens, the quality is going to go down," he said. "Rain has the potential to effect the quality of the cotton lint ... but I don't think it had that big of an effect."

Once the rain stops, however, farmers with crops still in the field will hustle to get their cotton to the gins. Most of the unharvested cotton is in the southern portion of Howard County, and Kight said those

farmers are waiting for a hard freeze to kill the plants.

The weather, for once, may cooperate with farmers' wishes. A cold front is supposed to blast through West Texas this weekend, dropping temperatures into the 20s.

If that happens, Kight said the '97 Howard County harvest will soon be complete.

"The harvest will be pretty much over by Thanksgiving if we receive a freeze over the weekend," Kight said. "That will allow some of the folks to get in and strip their fields."

### WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Sat:



Sun:



Tonight, mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Friday, mostly cloudy. Highs from the upper 40s to the lower 50s. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Freezing drizzle possible north. Lows in the mid to upper 20s. Extended forecast, Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the 40s. Sunday, fair. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the lower to mid 50s.

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OBITUARIES

Beatrice Mitchell

Service for Beatrice Mitchell, 46, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, 1997, at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ with Rodney Tedford, minister, officiating.

Ms. Mitchell died Monday, Nov. 10, at her home.

She was born on March 13, 1950, in Cooper. She was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and had served on the Job Corps.

Survivors include: two sisters, Amanda Taylor, Wichita, Kan., and Mary Armlin, New Orleans, La.; two brothers, James E. Dyer, San Antonio, and O.C. Turner, White Oak; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Vern Vigar

Service for Vern Vigar, 80, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Roy Johnson, of San Antonio, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Vigar died Tuesday, Nov. 11, in Midland Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

He was born on Jan. 10, 1917, in Ohio. He married Evelyn Rawlins on Sept. 2, 1939, in Radnor, Ohio. He had farmed in Ohio until 1945 when he moved to San Angelo and later moving to Big Spring in 1953. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and had worked for Royal Crown Cola and later owned Vigar TV Service.

He is survived by: his wife, Evelyn Vigar, Big Spring; one son, Larry Vigar, Midland; one brother, Richard Vigar, Radnor, Ohio; one sister, Helen Good, Radnor, Ohio; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Lou Peoples

Graveside service for Lou Peoples, 63, Big Spring, formerly of Crane and McCamey, will be 9:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at the Crane County Cemetery.

Mrs. Peoples died on Tuesday, Nov. 11, at her home in Big Spring.

She was born on Oct. 13, 1934, in Ringling, Okla. She had lived in the West Texas area since 1953. She married Robert Leroy Peoples, Sr. on Dec. 24, 1953. He preceded her in death on June 27, 1980.

Survivors include: two daughters, Linda Stoudenmire and Roberta DeVoge both of Big Spring; two sons, Robert Leroy Peoples, Jr. and Bobby Eugene Peoples, both of McCamey; three brothers, Joe Smith, Fort Worth, W.A. Smith, Odessa, and Billy Ray Smith, Chico; 10

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home, Crane.

Libby Saunders

Libby Saunders was born Mary Elizabeth Axtell on Feb. 4, 1909, in Fort Worth, she died on Wednesday, Nov. 12, 1997, at Mountain View Lodge. She was the daughter of F.W. Jr. and Allie Axtell and was the eldest of eight children.

She married Marvin R. Saunders on June 16, 1928, in Fort Worth. He preceded her in death on July 21, 1985. They had one daughter, Billye, who married Ralph McLaughlin.

Libby met Marvin while they were working for her grandfather at FW Axtell Company, a windmill manufacturing firm in Fort Worth. Marvin was branch manager at Lubbock and Amarillo before purchasing Big Spring Hardware in 1944. They founded Saunders Company in 1946. Libby was office manager until retiring in 1960. After retiring they lived in Green Valley, Ariz. before moving back to Big Spring in 1983. Libby was an avid golfer and loved playing bridge.

Survivors include: her daughter, Billye McLaughlin and her husband, Ralph of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Sheryl Cox and her husband, Dr. Bruce Cox of Big Spring, Scott McLaughlin and his wife, Mary Kay of Big Spring, Kae McLaughlin of Austin and Marianne Weidemann and her husband, Don also of Austin. Great-grandchildren, Steve Cox of Denver, Josh Cox of Dallas, Jenni and Anna McLaughlin of Big Spring and Jamie and Margot Weidemann of Austin; a brother and two sisters also survive her, they are Jay Axtell of Las Cruces, N.M., Jerry Cherry of Leesburg, Fla., and June Hutchinson of Bullard.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and two sisters.

The family wishes to thank the loving and caring staff at Mountain View Lodge for their merciful and conscientious attention to Libby in her last days.

Services will be 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 1997, at St. Mary's Episcopal Church with Father James Liggett officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

A member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, she had been living at Mountain View Lodge since 1995. The family suggests gifts to St. Mary's Memorial Fund; 1001 Goliad; Big Spring, Texas; 79720 or their favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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ments — to pay its share of replacing the Benton bridge, Kilgore said.

Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard there are no plans, either now or in the future, to ante up the necessary \$100,000 to replace the Benton bridge.

Bogard said city officials are satisfied with the current situation in which only vehicles weighing less than 2 1/2 tons are allowed on the bridge.

"We talked about closing it and allowing only (foot traffic)," Bogard said. "But now we just have the load limit."

Also working against plans to fix the bridge is the Owens Street overpass, located just one block to the east of Benton. Most of the traffic in the area uses Owens Street, reducing the need for renovations on the older bridge.

"It's not as if Benton Street (bridge) is all that necessary,"

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Bogard said. "It's not as if the bulk of the traffic goes through there."

Howard County's other standard bridge, on I-20 at Sandy Draw, is rated as a Level 2 project by TxDOT, meaning that work is planned on the site within the next 4-10 years.

Kilgore said the Sandy Draw bridge needs general rehabilitation work, as well as a widening of its approaches.

MOORE

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menting a marketing program based on the targeted industry plan by Dallas-based Pathfinders by doing the following:

•Continue with a major employment forum quarterly to facilitate communication between existing industry and Moore.

•Implement local public relations campaign to foster awareness of existing industry contributions to the community.

•Continue to fund the Enterprize Challenge Grant Program every two years in the amount of \$50,000 to assist with start-up industries and expansion of existing industries.

•Make available resources easily accessible to existing industries.

•Participate in career days at local high schools and Howard College.

Goal Two: To continue the accomplishment of three Priority One plan elements requiring action from the master plan.

Strategies include working with the appropriate community/government entities for implementation of master plan elements.

Plan elements include a community image improvement program; development and implementation of a local public relations campaign; and maintaining relationships with transportation officers.

Goal Three: To continue the accomplishment of one Priority Two or Three plan elements requiring action

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

from the master plan. Plan elements include continuing to assist with the master plan for McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Goal Four: To continue the accomplishment of one plan element requiring programs in the master plan.

Plan elements include working with industry and Howard College in developing job training programs.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING BAND PARTS are urged to attend a meeting Tuesday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m. in the band hall at the high school. Christmas concerts and the bake sale will be discussed. Call Rocky Harris at 264-3641 for more information.

CHOIR BOOSTERS FOR BIG Spring High School choir will meet Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the choir room. For more information about this group, call Linda Lindell at 264-3641.

A COMMUNITY-WIDE PEP rally will take place Friday at Big Spring High School Steer gym, beginning at 7 p.m. It will be a "black light" pep rally and participants are urged to wear white.

The senior class will be selling glow-in-the-dark necklaces beginning at 6 p.m. Call the high school, 264-3641, for more information.

SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE SERVICES will be limited due to office renovations this week through Friday. If possible, clients should contact the Social Security Administration toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213.

Full services will resume at the local office, 500 Main Room 229, Nov. 17. Call 267-5227 for more information.

Texas Lottery

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LOTTO: 17, 28, 34, 37, 39, 41

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY •Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

MARKETS

Dec. cotton 70.44, down 3 points; Dec. crude 20.65, up 16 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 45; cash steers steady at 67; Dec. lean hog futures 62.15, up 5 points; Dec. live cattle futures 62.60, down 20 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Table with market data including Index 7467.87, Volume 176,585,080, and various commodity prices like Amoco, Atlantic Richfield, etc.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 41  
Wednesday's low 39  
Average high 67  
Average low 39  
Record high 85 in 1938  
Record low 19 in 1976  
Precip. Wednesday 0.36  
Month to date 1.21  
Month's normal 0.27  
Year to date 18.87

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Wednesday 2:43 a.m. — 700 block W. I-20, medic call, service refused.

10:58 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, trauma call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

2:58 p.m. — 700 and Gregg, traffic accident, one patient transferred to SMMC, one refused service.

5:07 p.m. — 1500 block Johnson, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:12 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. Thursday:

• RICHARD DON ROWLAND, 21, Midland, arrested on a revocation of probation warrant for possession of marijuana.

• KRISTI LEE HALE, 19, 1214 Lloyd, arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• CHARLES RAY SMITH, 40, 700 Lancaster, arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• RUBY JOYCE SMITH, 37, 702 Lancaster, arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION on Callahan Road.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:

• CHERYL POPE, 31, arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.

• JIMMY BLEDSOE, 24, arrested on Howard County warrants.

• FELIX MARTINEZ, 17, arrested on a charge of criminal trespass.

• JESSIE TARRIN, 37, arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE on the 4200 block of Hamilton and the 400 block of Aylford.

• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE on the 600 block of West Interstate 20 and the 1900 block of Wasson.

• THEFT on the 1500 block of E. Marcy, the 300 block of Runnels, the 1200 block of E. 11th Place and the 1700 block of Marcy.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION on the 800 block of East 15th.

• CRIMINAL TRESPASS on Third and Owens streets.

READY FOR THE CHILL



Pete Hernandez with Energas was doing pressure testing Tuesday on gas lines to insure that they are ready for the extra demand of the winter months.

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Advertisement for MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. 24th & Johnson 267-8288. Beatrice Mitchell, 46, died Monday. Services will be 10:00 AM Saturday at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Vern Vigar, 80, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel.

Advertisement for NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory. 906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331. Mary Elizabeth Saunders, 88, died Wednesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

**McALLEN** — Mexico's "\$50 rule," that limits the amount of goods Mexicans can bring back to their country is devastating some cities along the border, says the national president of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Jose Nino spoke Tuesday to members of the newly formed Rio Grande Valley, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

"In the 2,000-mile border with Mexico, there are many cities that have been devastated by the \$50 rule," Nino said.

Nino supports raising the limit to \$400, equal to the amount of duty-free goods that people can bring into the United States from Mexico.

The rule was originally drafted in 1992, and Mexico started enforcing the rule for people re-entering Mexico by land in 1995 in the wake of an economic crisis that required the country to reverse its trade deficit.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Starting Saturday, the Internal Revenue Service takes a new step toward improved customer service by opening its doors to taxpayers in 33 cities and offering hands-on help with stubborn tax problems.

In Texas, offices in Houston, Dallas and Austin will be open to deal with stubborn tax problems.

These "problem-solving days" promise taxpayers some relief from bureaucratic nightmares and mark the first step in the latest IRS drive to make customer service a higher priority.

"Having a national day, it's almost the equivalent of a military stand down," said Phil Brand, a former IRS chief compliance officer now at the accounting firm KPMG Peat Marwick. "I think it has a chance of being almost a seminal event for the service."

Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence H. Summers agreed the sessions carry symbolic significance.

**AUSTIN (AP)** — More than 30 years after penning her impressions of President Kennedy's assassination, former Texas first lady Nellie Connally has retrieved her notes.

The basis of an upcoming book, the notes were read by Mrs. Connally to an audience at the Lyndon B. Johnson Museum on Monday night.

Along with her husband, former Gov. John Connally, she rode in the front seat of the car carrying the Kennedys through Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. She is the last surviving passenger from that November day in 1963.

"I am going to read to you as I wrote them," Mrs. Connally, 78, said of her notes from a long-unopened drawer. "You've heard and read a lot, but this is what really happened in that car."

The former president, who's approval ratings had been down in Texas, had just delivered a well-received speech in Fort Worth before driving through Dallas' Dealey Plaza, Mrs. Connally told the crowd.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Once the tort of last resort, a traditional personal injury claim is regaining popularity among plaintiffs' lawyers who have won jury awards worth millions of dollars, the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal says.

A University of Texas law professor told the Journal in today's editions that lawyers will use intentional infliction of emotional distress more widely in state courts following successful cases in the past year.

That's despite Texas Supreme Court rulings in 1993 discarding use of negligent infliction of emotional distress as a cause of action.

Only intentional infliction of emotional distress remained, the court said. But it limited the injury to "only where the conduct has been so outrageous in character, and so extreme in degree, as to go beyond all possible bounds of decency, and to be regarded as atrocious, and utterly intolerable in civilized community."

Such a high standard for years limited use the tort, which is still usually only included along with other remedies sought in civil lawsuits.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — What began as Texas lawmakers' effort to help landowners post their property against trespassing has run into complications over the color purple, according to the Texas Journal of The Wall Street Journal.

The bill approved by the Legislature lets owners paint purple stripes on their fence posts and trees as a signal for trespassers to keep out — a cheaper, easier warning than signs — but doesn't precisely define the color.

There's another problem with purple, the Journal says in today's editions: it isn't easily visible in the woods.

The bill sponsored by Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, prescribed that a vertical purple paint strip at least eight inches long and one inch wide would meet the legal definition of "notice" in the state's criminal trespass statute.

But without a definition of purple, landowners looking for an alternative to "no trespassing signs" are left to guess which of the multiple tints of purple comply with the law.

New Mexico AG considers DOE plan to open nuclear dump without permit

Nuclear waste would be trucked thru Big Spring on Interstate-20

**SANTA FE, N.M. (AP)** — The attorney general's office is investigating whether the state can block a federal plan to open a nuclear waste dump in southern New Mexico without a hazardous waste permit.

The U.S. Department of Energy has announced it plans to open the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad without the permit. The announcement angered Attorney General Tom Udall and other state leaders who say the DOE should get all required permits before accepting waste.

"We're looking into the very issue," Kay Roybal, a spokeswoman for Udall, said. "We don't have any conclusion about that yet."

The federal office applied for the state permit more than two years ago, but it isn't clear whether it will be issued before May, when DOE officials hope to open the site.

The underground dump would be the world's first licensed repository of radioactive waste. The Energy Department project would bury plutonium-contaminated waste from the nation's defense industry 2,150 feet underground in ancient salt beds.

George Dials, DOE's WIPP program manager, said the state is powerless to stop the facility from opening if its first shipments are limited to radioactive waste that doesn't include hazardous chemical waste.

For the radioactive waste, the Energy Department acknowledges it still needs a federal permit from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

But much of the waste destined for WIPP is also mixed with cleaning solvents, lead and other chemicals that are considered hazardous waste.

"As the law is written, the state law only applies to hazardous waste," Dials said. "We are saying the waste will not be mixed and we can certify that."

State officials, including Udall, argue that DOE is being inconsistent. They contend

Dials had assured them WIPP wouldn't open until the state permit is issued.

Sen. Dede Feldman, an Albuquerque Democrat who chairs the state Legislature's Radioactive and Hazardous Materials Committee, said in a hearing Monday that opening WIPP without the permit is "outrageous."

"It's really apparent to me that the state's regulatory process is being stamped by the DOE," Feldman said.

Feldman said Energy Department officials acknowledged as recently as August that they would need a permit from the state before WIPP could open.

"I see this as excluding the state of New Mexico from the decision-making process," Feldman said. "I think the (Energy Department) has a history in this state of creating distrust rather than trust or engagement."

The rest of the legislative committee is generally supportive of WIPP. Feldman called herself the committee's "sole skeptic of the facility." The 16-member committee has no direct authority over WIPP.

Texas man wanted in slaying of Bellush

**SAN ANTONIO (AP)** — The search for a suspect wanted in the murder of a mother of young quadruplets in Florida has led investigators to Texas, where a manhunt was on Wednesday.

Jose Luis Del Toro Jr., 21, was named in a first-degree murder warrant obtained by Sarasota County sheriff's officers in the death of Sheila Bellush, 35, who'd recently moved from San Antonio to Sarasota.

Investigators believe Del Toro may be in the Austin area, where he lived as recently as last year and where he'd had a previous run-in with the law. The alleged murder weapon — a .45-caliber gun — was found in Del Toro's car, discovered in Austin, officials said Tuesday.

The Texas Rangers are aiding in the search for Del Toro, and the Department of Public Safety crime lab in Austin is assisting with evidence, said DPS spokesman Mike Cox.

"The rangers are working very closely with the investigators from Florida," Cox said.

The Texas Rangers and Austin police also helped recover other evidence, Florida officials said, including clothing Del Toro is thought to have worn during the slaying and handwritten directions to Mrs. Bellush's home.

Mrs. Bellush was found shot to death Friday in her Florida home. Her 23-month-old quadruplets were crawling in her blood.

Florida authorities said Del Toro left his fingerprints on a clothes dryer in the house.

Del Toro's last known address was La Pryor, a town of about 1,300 people 90 miles west of San Antonio. He graduated in 1995 from nearby Uvalde High School, where he was known as "Joey" and played on the football team, said principal Greg Jung.

Del Toro was sentenced Sept. 10 in Travis County to 30 days in jail for misdemeanor theft. He served the sentence on weekends.

He reported to jail Oct. 31 and was released Nov. 2, five days before Mrs. Bellush was killed.

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## Hard work works for Steers, Buffs, 'Cats & Mustangs

What began as hard, hot work in August has become an extended season — the playoffs, a time when playing football has become additionally rewarding for Big Spring's Steers, Grady's Wildcats, Sands' Mustangs and Stanton's Buffaloes.

All four enter the bi-district playoffs this weekend — Grady, Sands and Stanton getting things started with 7:30 p.m. Friday kickoffs and Big Spring following at 2 p.m. Saturday.

For the No. 4-ranked Buffaloes, their game with Shallowater in Lamesa is an opportunity to avenge a 32-31 first-round loss they suffered to the Mustangs last November.

In Lenorah, the Wildcats — making a second consecutive playoff appearance for the first time in the school's history — have the task of hosting the state's No. 6-ranked six-man team from Grandfalls.

The Mustangs, the District 7 six-man champions, will leave Ackerly Friday afternoon and travel to Imperial where they'll take on Sanderson, returning to postseason action following a one-year hiatus.

And for Big Spring's Steers, the visit by El Paso Ysleta's Indians Saturday afternoon, will mark a return to the playoffs after a two-year absence.

While there's little question that virtually every community takes pride in its high school athletes, reaching the playoffs — particularly an extended run in the postseason — seems to lend an extra air of excitement.

There's an collective optimism that infects the entire community as the previous week's game is discussed, travel plans are made, signs offering support appear like weeds and coffee shop conversations are diverted from other, seemingly less important matters.

All four local teams' players and coaches deserve congratulations, as do their fans who've provided support throughout the season.

We wish them all the best of luck this weekend.

## WORLD VIEWS

In the case of Matthew Eappen's death, it was the judge — not a jury — which failed in its task. The judge's common sense seems to have deserted him.

Judge Zobel reduced the conviction against Louise Woodward from second-degree murder to involuntary manslaughter. But the terminology isn't the most important factor here. What's important is that even second-degree murder has a maximum penalty of 19 years. Nevertheless, the pair got away with the minimum.

The jury seems to have come to the conclusion that Woodward inflicted damage to the baby's head, but dismissed speculation that she swung the baby around leading to its head hitting a wall.

In contrast, the judge drew his conclusion from the evidence that Woodward did have some part in the death, but that there was no intention to kill. He decided on a "compassionate ruling" on the grounds that she was acting out of anger and inexperience, not malice.

LA NACION  
Buenos Aires

Saddam Hussein is causing more troubles to Bill Clinton than he did to George Bush, in a moment when the majority of American Democrats is rebelling against the President.

The White House hoped a resolution against Iraq would be approved by the U.N. Security Council on Monday. What it may obtain instead is a mere palliative.

At this point it is likely that, in the lack of severe sanctions from the United Nations, Clinton calls for a unilateral military action against Saddam. At least on this point, not only Republicans but Democrats as well stand by his side.

But such a decision would probably increase Clinton's international isolation.

(The White House) also counted on the Congress's authorization to a further trade liberalization, but Clinton's own party — not the Republicans — has refused it.

Suddenly Bill Clinton — the president who did almost everything well in the last two years — risks being surrounded at home and abroad.

CORRIERE DELLA SERA  
Milan, Italy

The United Nations cannot afford to let down the world community by letting Iraqi President Saddam Hussein get away with his defiance. Operation Desert Storm was an epochal event.

Not since the Korean War in the early 1950s has the UN acted so firmly and unitedly in defense of principles to which all members say they subscribe, especially that of protecting a small country from aggression.

It would be a betrayal of that trust, and the purpose that it shaped, if the UN were now to yield to blackmail or pressure and abdicate its responsibility to detect and destroy all weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. ...

THE STRAITS TIMES  
Singapore

# Seducing Saddam Hussein to the United States

This classified memo from the CIA recently turned up in our e-mail.

TO: The Director.  
FROM: Directorate of Operations.

IN RE: Your request for fresh thinking on Iraq.

If we can't force Saddam Hussein, why don't we try to lure him out by offering him a new life in America in a way that will appeal irresistibly to his vanity?

Have the Chicago Bulls draft him. Every foreigner with an ego wants to play in the NBA, and we're betting Saddam is no different. Think of the great front court he'd make with

Dennis Rodman. If he loses control the way he so often does and roughs up a couple of fans, no would notice.

We could get him his own shoe contract: a sneaker that looks like a jackboot. Maybe a clothing line: signature black beret, fatigue jacket, bullet proof vest.

After one season, the Bulls trade him to Denver and Vancouver and nobody ever hears of him again. Mission accomplished.

Another thought: He loves being on television, so we get him his own TV show, "Late Night With Saddam Hussein." He's used to monologues and already has a servile sidekick in Tauriq Aziz to yuck it up from the couch. He could have special guests like Idi Amin and at the end of the evening shoot them. Wait. That would be daytime television.

How about a sitcom? We could solve a couple of problems by having him, Slobodan

Milosevic and Alexander Lukashenko co-star in a program we could call "Fiends" or "Despots Behaving Badly."

Still another thought: We make him a motivational speaker. Some guy wrote a book called "Leadership Secrets of Attila the Hun." We have "Management Secrets of Saddam Hussein." Problems with your subordinates? Shoot them. Problems with your in-laws? Shoot them, too. That might be a short book. We can have the people down at Human Resources fluff it up with some feel-good material. Get in touch with your inner dictator. Feel empowered by invading your neighbor.

One more thought. We have Disney sign him to a recording contract. Let him tour with his own rap group, the Notorious Sheikh. We might want the gang down in Lyrics to freshen this up, but he's sure to go for something like:

Hey, yo! Kuwait is mine. I'm

big and I'm bad. That's why they call me the man from Baghdad. We can make this easy or we can make this hard.

'Cause I will fight to the last Republican Guard. Last thought: He's sure to be a sucker for a sports talk show. Everybody has one, and he'll bring the kind of attitude to sports talk that the callers like. Remember how he and his son had the Iraqi soccer team beat up after it lost the qualifying match?

And for a catchy title, how be we team with the former New Orleans Saints coach and call the show, "Saddam and Jim Mora."

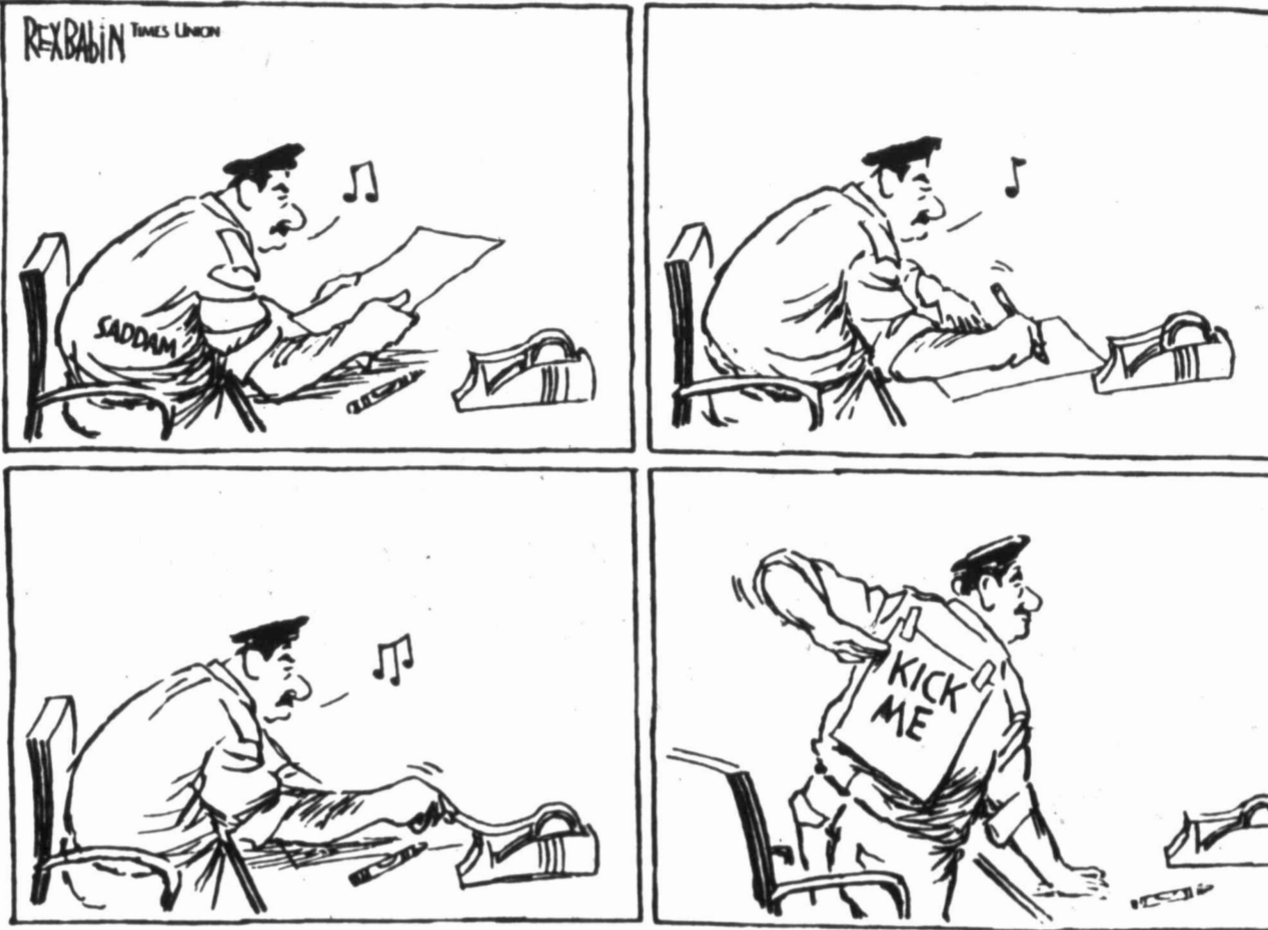
We have plenty more ideas where that came from.

Sincerely,  
The Directorate of Operations.

(Dale McFeatters writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)



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## Fast track: Democrats being Democrats

By LEONARD LARSEN  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — The revolt of House Democrats against President Clinton's request for renewal of "fast track" trade legislation could be a small but encouraging sign that old ties still bind, that political values survive, that there are some Democrats unashamed to be Democrats when their president is not.

If, as it's preached like gospel, the refusal proved a telling influence by organized labor in Democratic party political affairs, that might be another encouraging sign. It could mean that Democrats can listen, at least once in a while, to wage-earning constituents as willingly as they — and Republicans — listen to other special interest and policy groups who buy access, enormous influence and votes with millions of dollars in their own campaign contributions.

Another thing the shunning by House Democrats almost certainly shows is that President Clinton and Vice President Al Gore, that dark suit in Clinton's shade, have lost contact and influence with other elected Democrats, perhaps most especially when the Clinton White House teams with the heft of Republican majority leaders in the House and Senate.

Another encouraging sign in the snub of "fast track" by House Democrats is that the cynical "triangulation" re-election strategy for 1996, worked out by President Clinton and his hired public relations sleaze in order to divorce Clinton from liberal taint and settle him comfortably with Republicans, has arrived at a logical conclusion. President Clinton, quite obvi-

ously, has steered away from the shameful leftist Democratic dogma and has bedded down, not just with the Republican middle but with just about any brand of right wingers with the possible exceptions of abortion clinic bombers and militia goons.

With President Clinton, as it's now said, calculating how to insert himself high on the historical list of the nation's great presidents, an overview of the Clinton presidency so far would show several almost-resolute stands.

The president has declared himself in favor of help for poor mothers and their children, unless it gets expensive and upsetting for Republicans who, quite likely, would denounce too much welfare spending as threatening to the Pentagon and NASA budgets and just more mush-minded, leftist liberalism.

The president is also in favor of gay rights, even doing his hugs and squeezes at a televised formal dinner, and his support will be unending, unless it gets risky. Likewise for affirmative action and other civil rights initiatives: Almost always in favor, until it gets uncomfortable.

And, as is well known, the president is definitely in favor of reciprocal free trade but not so free and reciprocal that Americans end up getting pushy about the lop-sided imbalance of trade which favors Japan, China, Mexico, Korea and many other of our trading partners.

On "fast track" legislation as it involves free trade, President Clinton has emphasized time and again he understands there is some pain for working Americans by the hundreds of thousands whose jobs have been and will be sent out of the coun-

But, it's also stressed on the president's behalf, he's confident the American workers inconvenienced by the inevitable "dislocations" of free trade and "fast track" can tread water with their families until he helps them with retraining for opportunities opening up at any number of minimum wage job sites.

In splitting from the President and his Republican allies on the "fast track" issue, the House Democrats, led by Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., who may oppose Gore for the Democratic presidential nomination in the year 2000, suggested compromise amendments, not to build trade barriers but to ensure protections for domestic and foreign workers.

There was no compromise so the president and the Republicans agreed among themselves to put off a House vote until next year. One report said the president, still in "triangulation," blamed big business for not helping him and the Republicans pass "fast track."

Gephardt, reportedly out of contact with the president after the House showdown, sounded an old Democratic theme, seldom heard nowadays in Congress and never in the trade-obsessed Clinton White House.

"What we are looking for," said Gephardt for himself and other House Democrats, "is the chance to put workers' interests first." It had a brave old sound that went way back to the heart of what unashamed Democrats and Democratic presidents used to be.

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# Lawyers begin sorting through prospective jurors for Unabomber case

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Lawyers began sorting through an enormous pool of prospective jurors Wednesday, seeking 12 to hear the trial of Unabomber defendant Theodore Kaczynski.

U.S. District Judge Garland Burrell Jr. let lawyers for both the prosecution and the defense question the prospects. The task is often performed by the judge in federal cases, but court-appointed defense lawyers Quin Denver and Judy Clarke had asked to participate, to probe whether pretrial news coverage influenced the prospects.

It could take a month or more to select the jury and six alternates from the pool of 600 candidates. The unusually large pool was called because of the widespread news coverage.

Burrell has ordered that the jurors serve anonymously. The media are barred from identifying them, their spouses or their employers.

The first few prospective jurors questioned appeared to be middle-aged. A graying man

with a ponytail and mustache described himself as "spiritual" and said he didn't know if he could impose the death penalty if Kaczynski were convicted.

"I figured I would deal with that when I came to it," the man said. "I don't have an opinion on that right now."

Kaczynski appeared cheerful and animated as he talked with his lawyers before the court session began. He entered the courtroom neatly clad in a tweed jacket and slacks, his shirt open at the collar. He turned and nodded to a young woman in the first row but didn't speak to anyone but his lawyers.

Across the packed courtroom sat the family of Gilbert Murray, the last of the Unabomber's victims.

The case that confounded authorities for nearly 18 years moved to a courtroom only a few miles from where computer rental store owner Hugh Scrutton was killed by a Unabomber device, and only

blocks from where Murray, a timber industry lobbyist, was killed two years ago.

Kaczynski, 55, a former math professor, has pleaded innocent to 10 federal charges in four of the Unabomber's 16 bomb attacks. Besides the deaths of the Sacramento men, he is accused in the mail bombings that crippled Yale University computer scientist David Gelernter and University of California-San Francisco geneticist Dr. Charles Epstein in June 1993.

At the height of his power, the Unabomber virtually shut down air traffic and mail service on the West Coast and forced two of the nation's top newspapers to print his 37,000-word manifesto.

Between 1978 and 1995, the Unabomber mailed or placed increasingly powerful bombs to colleges, scientists and professors and others whom the Unabomber blamed in his manifesto for creating a technology that destroyed human nature.

In all, three people were killed and 23 injured.

With a mountain of evidence found in his Montana cabin pointing to him as the Unabomber, the trial will focus on whether Kaczynski was mentally ill and not responsible for his actions or if he's a rational, methodical killer.

Found in the cabin was a Unabomber-style bomb, bomb-making equipment, the original manifesto, his secret code and journals detailing many of the attacks.

Prosecutors were expected to try to link journal entries to the bombings, including the one that killed Scrutton in 1985.

Kaczynski wrote: "Experiment 976 Dec. 11, 1985 I planted bomb disguised to look like scrap of lumber behind Rentech Compute store in Sacramento ... the 'operator' (owner? manager?) of the store was killed, 'blown to bits.'"

But the documents also are at the heart of the "mental defect" defense his attorneys hope will show how Kaczynski degenerated into an unbalanced recluse who lived in a remote cabin for 25 years.

Kaczynski's professorial courtroom image — so different from the wild-eyed mountain man arrested in Montana — is more in keeping with the bright young boy whose mother read him Scientific American on their porch in Evergreen Park, Ill.

His mother, Wanda, has said she believes her son's problems can be pinned on a hospital stay for a drug reaction when he was 9 months old. He was forcibly pinned to a bed for a week and lay virtually untouched by human hands.

Kaczynski, the child, showed few signs of developing into an angry loner. Acquaintances said he laughed and joked and did so well in school he wound up skipping two grades.

He acquired a reputation as a loner with poor hygiene at Harvard University and took his first teaching post at the University of California-Berkeley in 1967.

By 1969, he quit Berkeley without explanation and blamed his parents for his social ineptitude. He bought land with his brother in Montana and worked odd jobs while building his

cabin near Lincoln, Mont.

In 1978 — the year the Unabomber attacks began — Kaczynski returned to the Chicago area hoping to reconcile with his family. He left for good after his brother fired him from a factory where they worked for harassing a woman Kaczynski briefly dated.

Federal agents arrested him after his brother, David, read the Unabomber manifesto and noted similarities with letters Kaczynski had sent his family.

The trial may very well result in David Kaczynski testifying against his brother, less than a year after pleading with the Justice Department not to seek the death penalty.

The defense has a difficult task, said Dr. Robert Gordon, head of the Dallas-based Wilmington Institute, which specializes in trial consulting.

"In recent years, jurors have become extremely skeptical of that defense — that the person was insane, or had diminished capacity or a mental defect," Gordon said.

Kaczynski has refused to undergo tests by government psychiatrists.

## Fed leaves short-term rates alone

WASHINGTON (AP) — Faced with a jittery stock market, the Federal Reserve decided Wednesday to leave short-term interest rates unchanged despite fears the robust economy soon will fuel inflation.

The central bank said it had adjourned a three-hour, 10-minute closed-door meeting of its policy-making Federal Open Market Committee and had nothing more to say.

Since the Fed announces rate changes, the statement meant it had left the benchmark rate on overnight loans between banks unchanged at 5.5 percent. An increase would have raised borrowing costs for millions of American consumers and businesses.

Wall Street showed only a mild reaction. The Dow Jones average of industrial stocks — down 46 points just before the announcement — was down 83 points 10 minutes after.

The decision to hold rates steady was widely expected, given the tumult in the U.S. stock markets over the past three weeks in reaction to currency crises in Asia. Before the turbulence, Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan had been warning that a developing labor shortage had put the economy on an "unsustainable track."

Analysts said Fed policy-makers were confronted with conflicting economic trends.

The lowest unemployment rate in 24 years and the fastest wage gains in eight years suggested they ought to raise rates to keep inflation contained. The tumultuous stock market, gyrating at each new development in Asia, argued for caution.

"The Fed certainly doesn't want to trigger a free fall," said economist Martin Regalia of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. "And we're not seeing inflation, so they ... have some leeway."

He and other analysts said the central bankers probably were looking ahead to when they can raise rates in a calmer financial atmosphere.

"They are increasingly between a rock and a hard place," said economist Mark

roughly two-thirds of the cost of the goods and services consumers buy, that implies prices will start to increase faster, too.

On Oct. 29, amidst stock market turmoil, Greenspan told Congress the stock drop may have been a "salutary event."

By discouraging consumer spending and business investment, it could cool the overheated job market and help prolong the expansion, he said.

That reasoning left the Fed on hold — exactly where it has been since March 25, when it last raised short-term interest was a robust 3.5 percent, even better than the 3.3 percent growth recorded in the second quarter.

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# Resolution on Iraq stops short of U.S. goal of 'serious consequences'

By ANN McFEATHERS  
Scripps Howard News Service

WASHINGTON — Caught off guard by the intensity of the current crisis with Iraq, President Clinton is having trouble rallying the Persian Gulf coalition for another possible round of military action against Saddam Hussein.

The United Nations Security Council resolution against Iraq, passed 15 to 0 Wednesday, condemns Iraq for refusing to allow American inspectors on the U.N. team monitoring Iraq for illegal weapons, restricts international travel of Iraqi officials except for diplomacy and promises unspecified action if Iraq does not back down and obey U.N. sanctions. But it stops short of promising the "serious consequences" (military action) that the White

House wanted. Key allies in the 1991 coalition, France, Russia and China, are so far refusing to go along with the threat of force.

Iraq immediately thumbed its nose at the latest U.N. resolution and repeated its intention to expel the six Americans on the inspection team. Iraqi foreign minister Tariq Aziz said, "Iraq will continue to explain its just case, and this resolution will not scare it."

The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Bill Richardson, said the crisis is not over. He said that Iraq must permit UN inspectors, including Americans, to go back to work. "The message has been clear. Iraq must comply, or face consequences."

At the White House, spokesman Mike McCurry again warned Iraq to let the

inspection team do its work but refused to speculate on whether the United States would bomb Iraq on its own.

In Texas last week for the opening of George Bush's library, Clinton discussed getting tough with Saddam with the former president. Bush built the coalition that fought and won the 1991 Persian Gulf War. Clinton also has been talking to leaders around the world, but it is clear that the coalition Bush put together to fight Saddam has disintegrated.

The United States so far has been unable to get backing for military support against Saddam from any of the Arab countries, including Saudi Arabia and Egypt, which backed the United States in 1991. Iran, Syria, Jordan and Turkey oppose force. They don't see the significance of

Americans on the U.N. inspection team.

Just as Bush thought Saddam would be out of power by now, so did they. Instead, Saddam is as strongly entrenched as ever; some think the sanctions have strengthened him at the expense of the Iraqi people. Although there are provisions for humanitarian aid, the 1990 economic sanctions forbid open trade with Iraq and mandate regular inspections to make sure Saddam is destroying weapons of mass destruction.

Iraq argues that Americans on the team won't certify that Iraq is no longer compiling weapons and thus are holding up the repeal of sanctions. But Richard Butler, the Australian who runs the inspection team, says the Iraqis are using the temporary lack of inspections to move contraband equipment

around.

The United States has used military strikes on its own against Iraq several times since the war, including once when a plot to kill Bush in Kuwait was traced to Iraq. But Arab and Muslim unhappiness with the United States has increased since then, partly because of Israeli President Benjamin Netanyahu's hard line against the Palestinians.

Senate Republican leader Trent Lott said Wednesday he thinks there is a "good possibility" that the crisis with Iraq will take a military turn because Saddam's actions can't be tolerated.

"This is going to be a very serious test for the president," Lott said. "If he doesn't find a way to cause Saddam Hussein to back off and to stop his threats and stop his efforts at

intimidation, it's going to be a serious blow to the president's image in the foreign policy area."

As if anticipating such a U.S. reaction, Russia's ambassador to the United Nations, Sergei Lavrov, emphasized that the United Nations resolution does not authorize any force against Saddam and said everything rests on diplomacy because the main goal is "integrating Iraq into the international community."

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## Palestinian boy shot by Israeli soldiers fights for life

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — Nine-year-old Ali Jawarish was on his way to buy pencils for school when he ran into other youngsters throwing stones at Israeli soldiers.

It's not clear whether Ali joined the stone throwers on the outskirts of Palestinian-controlled Bethlehem. But when a soldier took aim and fired rubber-coated steel pellets at the boys, Ali was struck in the head — witnesses say from close range.

On Wednesday, a day later, Ali remained unconscious and

hooked up to a respirator as his 30-year-old mother Leila tried in vain to come to terms with the tragedy.

"I know we are enemies, the Arabs and the Jews — but he is only nine years old," she said. "I wish they had arrested him, I wish they had beat him, but not this."

The shooting was a grim reminder that despite years of on-and-off peacemaking, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is still simmering and continues to claim victims, including children.

An Israeli army spokesman

said the boy ran into the line of fire and that the soldier had aimed at an older stone thrower. He blamed Palestinian police for failing to control the riot.

"This would not have happened if the Palestinian police would have done what they were supposed to do. They did not do anything," said the spokesman who cannot be named under military regulations.

Mahmoud Himdan, who witnessed the shooting and evacuated the boy, said none of the stone throwers were older than 11 and were running away when a soldier took aim and fired in their direction. "The boy was on the ground his head open, with brain and fluid running out," said Himdan, 30.

Ali's mother, Leila, said she did not believe her son — who only Sunday had come home beaming with a fine report card — was throwing stones. She said he had left their shack in the Aida refugee camp on the outskirts of Bethlehem Tuesday afternoon to buy pencils so he could do his homework.

The stationary store is just up the road near Rachel's Tomb, an Israeli enclave where some 30,000 Israelis, most ultra-Orthodox Jews, attended a ceremony Tuesday. Throughout the day, there had been sporadic stone throwing near the tomb, and Mrs. Jawarish said she had told Ali to be careful.

"If he lives, he will most likely be mentally disabled," Jawarish said. "They destroyed his life."

## Former Shin Bet says more political killings conceivable

JERUSALEM (AP) — The leaders of deeply divided Israel called for national reconciliation Wednesday during memorials for Yitzhak Rabin, even as a former security chief warned there could be more political assassinations.

Two years after the prime minister was shot by a nationalist Jew trying to block his peacemaking with the Palestinians, the potential for violence remains high, said Yaakov Perry, a former chief of Israel's Shin Bet security service.

"The tense atmosphere, the intolerance, the absence of any inclination to reconcile are liable to lead to violence that will deteriorate into another assassination," Perry told parliament's Interior Committee. "Another political assassination in Israel is definitely conceivable."

Perry's remarks appeared in the Haaretz daily Wednesday.

The week's commemorations for Rabin were marred by divisive political debate — fueled by deep bitterness among Rabin's supporters at their electoral defeat by Benjamin Netanyahu only seven months after the Nov. 4, 1995, assassination.

At a graveside memorial Wednesday, the anniversary of the killing according to the Hebrew calendar, widow Leah Rabin and the prime minister shared a brief, cold handshake but did not speak.

But at a special Knesset session Wednesday, there were calls for reconciliation.

"I ask you all on this day to

unite around what we have in common ... the desire to bring peace and security to this nation," Netanyahu said. "I especially turn to the friends of Yitzhak Rabin, my political rivals, who feel the pain of loss more than anyone. I extend a hand of peace, a hand of reconciliation."

Earlier this week, opposition lawmakers said Netanyahu should use the occasion to explicitly apologize for his part in agitating against Rabin in the turbulent weeks preceding the assassination.

Netanyahu said was willing to be "the first to make a soulsearching" but did not apologize. In protest, four Labor members walked out of the plenum during his speech.

"Unity is not just talk — it is actions and commitment," said opposition's Ehud Barak, who added: "I hold out both hands for national reconciliation."

Netanyahu's conciliatory comments in recent days are seen as aimed at drawing Barak's Labor Party into a "national unity government" that would free Netanyahu of the constraints of his coalition with smaller, more extreme parties that oppose peace.

Any effort by Netanyahu to honor Israel's commitment to hand over more West Bank land could badly destabilize his current government.

The Knesset speaker, Likud's Dan Tichon, joined the calls for a unity government Wednesday, and Israel's army radio said Netanyahu would meet with Avigdor Kahalani, a Cabinet moderate.

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# Making a person-to-thing call in financial industry can be difficult

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's enough to make a person want to reach out and swat something.

The modern phone call, a marvel of efficiency when it comes to automated information, can be a maze leading to a wall when a caller needs a human on the other end of the line.

More than a month after a consumer law went into effect requiring credit bureaus to make employees available to callers, human contact remains wrenchingly difficult to achieve.

And in another segment of the financial services industry, a growing minority of banks has begun charging customers who call them too often.

Technology that lets people track their tax returns or shift money between bank accounts saves money for the bureaucracy at the other end but is exacting a price.

The price is usually more than \$1 a call at banks that have begun charging for phone inquiries after several free calls a month.

Consumer advocates see a roader cost, too, not connected

to the pocketbook. "Some of those who are keen on pushing technology lose sight of the human element," says Consumers Union counsel Michelle Meier, longtime advocate of the credit bureau reforms made law last month.

"One should never ignore or deny the benefits of technology, but there's also an overemphasis when human contact is eliminated. You're tilting the balance in a harmful way."

The new Fair Credit Reporting Act has toughened a variety of obligations on credit bureaus and the companies that use them. One part of the law requires bureaus to make trained personnel available by phone during business hours.

It's believed to be the first federal law requiring the option of human contact by phone for consumers.

So where are the folks? None of the three national credit bureaus is yet providing easy or reliable one-call access to an employee, and the Federal Trade Commission, administering the law, has begun hearing complaints.

"We are aware of the fact that

some of the bureaus do not yet have a human at the other end of the phone," said Victoria Streitfeld, spokeswoman for the commission. "We are presently beginning to consider what our options are."

Equifax has no provision for human contact for most callers and tells rotary phone users to write. Experian and Trans Union put callers through a phone menu before they are put on hold for a person.

In spot checks over a month, calls were often lost at that point. The line went dead or callers were told to phone back instead of being put in a queue.

More than 20 midafternoon calls to one Experian consumer line over several days were met by busy signals. Two to Trans Union eventually were answered by a person.

"There should be a live body option," said Norm Magnuson of Associated Credit Bureaus, representing the industry. But the law does not state "there has to be a person you connect to immediately."

At banks, 69 of 419 surveyed this year by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group

charged customers for making multiple balance inquiries by phone. Average charges for calling bank employees instead of computer banks were two or three times higher.

"With the complicated bank check-clearing rules and with banks making so many mistakes with direct deposits and transfers, it's important to call," but potentially costly, said Ed Mierzewski, the group's consumer director.

Donald G. Ogilvie, executive vice president of the American Bankers Association, says some banks focus on personal service, others on automation.

Critics of some bank fees "would have us return to 'cookie-cutter' banking, leaving consumers with fewer options and service," he said in response to Mierzewski's survey.

Phone frustrations in the private sector are hardly limited to the financial services industry. And in the public sector, many callers end up in "voice-mail jail" as well.

Even at consumer offices of the Federal Trade Commission, callers sometimes need to leave a message with a computer for a

person to call back.

A government report two years ago noted with concern that the gratification and Naturalization Service, then with 58 options on its phone menu, put advice columnist Ann Landers on hold for 45 minutes. Its national toll-free line still offers no option for talking to someone.

That report estimated 25 percent of callers to the federal government give up.

Rotary phones are no longer the get-out-of-jail card they used to be. Unable to punch in tones to trigger computer responses, rotary users have been given the option of waiting on line for an operator. But increasingly, they are being asked to speak to computers now capable of responding to their voice commands.

A campaign to improve government service has produced uneven results, according to a survey of 152 agencies this year.

The Social Security Administration was found to be answering almost all calls within five minutes — and it got 1.7

million calls one January day. Many callers to the patent office did not get promptly directed to the right person.

White House and congressional numbers tend to be answered quickly. Recent calls to other government main numbers found spottiness.

The effort to improve government efficiency, including phone service, is overseen by the National Performance Review, a special project of Vice President Al Gore.

How's it going over there? Hard to say.

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Toll-free numbers for credit bureaus are Equifax, 800-685-1111; Experian, formerly TRW, 800-682-7654; and Trans Union, 800-916-8800. Special lines for opting out of credit card lists are Equifax, 800-556-4711; Experian, 800-353-0809; Trans Union, 800-680-7293.

# Fast-track failure slows two big trade deals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unable to bend Congress on trade, President Clinton has limited maneuvering room as he prepares for a meeting with some of America's most important trading partners just two weeks from now.

The president is depicting his withdrawal of the fast-track trade legislation as a temporary setback. But behind the scenes, administration officials and free-trade supporters in Congress have begun exploring fallback positions for a more narrowly focused trade bill next year.

The Senate Finance Committee chairman, Sen. William Roth, R-Del., said he would introduce a fast-track proposal focusing on specific sectors in which America has huge competitive advantages — such as agriculture and information technology — as an alternative to the sweeping negotiating powers that Clinton was unable to get this week.

But some trade experts see dangers in this stripped-down

## Brother, sister sentenced to prison for incest

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A brother and sister who have had at least three children together have been sentenced to prison by a judge who said he had no choice but to force them to stay apart.

The brother was sentenced Tuesday to eight years and his sister was sentenced to five years. She gave birth to another child just three days earlier but the paternity of that child was not determined.

"I believe severe punishment is required in this case," state Judge David Hansher said.

The judge said he believed that if the siblings were freed they would have sex again. "They have to be separated."

The man, who is 45, and his 30-year-old sister were convicted last month of felony incest and had faced possible sentences of up to 10 years.

approach.

"Clinton has got to keep doing what he has started doing, making it absolutely clear that he is going to pull out all of the stops next year," said C. Fred Bergsten, director of the Institute for International Economics in Washington. "He has to leave no doubts about that or otherwise there could be severe repercussions to the cause of free trade."

In a news conference Monday, Clinton said "all we need is a few breaks to have more than enough votes" to pass the fast-track measure, which grants him the authority to negotiate trade agreements that Congress must approve on yes-or-no votes without amendments.

He told reporters he will bring the matter up again next year and expects to win over the House support that eluded him, a view he will emphasize in Vancouver, British Columbia, at a meeting with the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum Nov. 24-25.

The president's outward optimism, however, cannot hide the fact that his failure to win fast-track authority puts in jeopardy the main reason APEC leaders meet every year — to create a free-trade area in the Pacific by 2010.

Also in jeopardy is Clinton's ambitious effort to create a free-trade area covering the Western Hemisphere by 2005. Clinton is scheduled to go to Santiago,

Chile, in April for what was supposed to be the kickoff negotiating session for the free-trade agreement of the Americas.

Without fast track, Clinton cannot proceed with either of these big negotiations — which were at the heart of his economic agenda for a second term.

That doesn't mean the United States will be totally on the sidelines in trade negotiations. Clinton does have authority to complete some negotiations that had been begun under the Uruguay Round, the last comprehensive global trade talks.

That authority allowed Clinton to complete the Information Technology Agreement last year to eliminate tariffs on \$600 billion of computers and other high-tech products. The United States was also able to wrap up a telecommunications deal aimed at giving a boost to America's highly competitive telephone companies.

While the residual negotiating authority covers a few other areas such as chemicals and forest products, it doesn't cover an important set of negotiations on agriculture, services outside of the financial area and government contracts that are scheduled to get under way in 1999 in Geneva.

Without fast track, the administration is likely to concentrate in Vancouver on getting Asian nations to sign onto a deal to

lower barriers in financial services, negotiations that so far have made little progress despite a mid-December deadline.

But the United States had also planned in Vancouver to push for tariff cuts in a number of other sectors including environmental products, energy technology and automobiles as a way of jump-starting the effort to achieve overall Pacific free trade among industrialized nations by 2010.

However, Asian countries may now be reluctant to proceed down this path, fearing that Congress would be able to pick apart any deals the administration negotiates.

Economists, who almost universally support the elimination of trade barriers as a way to promote economic growth, worried that the biggest danger in Clinton's failure to win fast track this week may come in the signal it sends to countries where protectionist forces are fighting even harder to derail globalization.

"This sends a terrible message to the world at a time when there are a lot of market uncertainties," said Robert Hormats, vice president at Goldman Sachs in New York. "What does this say to other countries with weaker economies and weaker currencies when the strongest economy in the world is pulling away from its global responsibilities?"

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## Contests, crazy days: Working hard at having fun

### Dorothy Garrett recalls differences as student during Depression years at Runnels

We have had a lot of fun so far this year at Runnels.

We have participated in a few special days where we have a rest from the everyday routine. There have been dress up days and pep rallies that offer a break from your average school days. All these special activities offer a look at the lively, spirited side of Runnels that you don't always see on an everyday basis.

Very first dress up day was about mid way through October. "Crazy Hat Day," as it is called, is a time where everyone gets to drag that ridiculous hat out of the closet and wear it to school.

The participation was great. A little under half the school showed up wearing some sort of hat.

You could find people wearing hats from the most practical baseball cap to an oversized, 50 gallon cowboy hat. Some hats were made out of felt or tie-died while others were covered with shiny sequins. Probably the most popular hat seen at school that day was the tall, bulky, crazy stovepipe hat many people were wearing.

The next day like this came one or two weeks later. This day goes by a number of different names. Some call it "School Spirit Day" while others prefer "War Paint." But the most common name is probably plain old "Paint Your Face."

On this particular Thursday, almost everyone painted their face in either Yearling or Steer colors to school spirit. From disgusting to simple, it seemed everyone had their own way to show pride for their team.

A few people went so far as to paint their whole face and others had just a few letters scribed across their cheek. Most everyone else had his or her face painted somewhere in between. Among the most common signs were the steer head, "Go B.S.H.S.," "We're #1," "Go RJH," and "Go Steers!"

Everyone had his or her own original way of showing team spirit with face paint.

Finally, just this past Thursday, we had '70s day at Runnels. Our junior high looked probably as it did about 20 years ago. There were noticeable changes in the way everyone looked, but since a lot of '70s apparel is still in style,

most of the changes weren't that drastic.

A few students and teachers were wearing bell-bottoms, the trademark of the decade. Others wore tie-die, polyester, peace signs, and even '70s hairstyles. One student drew a lot of attention when he showed up to class in a black and white checked leisure suit.

During the pep-rally that day, the Runnels choir sang a variety of disco songs ranging from "Maniac" to "Staying Alive." A few choir members formed a disco line on the gym floor and did some authentic dancing as the rest of the choir sang.

According to Dorothy Garrett, class of 1934, when she was at Runnels they had very few "dress up" type days because the "Depression Days" were in full swing. She said

kids were often doing good to just get to school with shoes and clothes.

They did, however, have a Rodeo Week when everyone dressed in western clothes. At the end of the week, the year's rodeo queen was crowned, bringing an end to an exciting week.

Garrett was also a cheerleader in her days at Runnels. She recalled some exciting pep rallies around bonfires on Friday nights. Some were held behind Runnels and some were close to the football stadium which was then near I-20.

She also related that the Thanksgiving Day games were always big ones and recalled an eventful train trip to the one in Sweetwater.

All of our pep rallies have been lots of fun.

At one of the recent ones, a few select teachers were asked to come out of the bleachers and participate in a limbo. All of the teachers did well at first, but as the music played on, the number dwindled. At the end, only Mr. Tarleton, the principal, and Mrs. Zap, the art teacher, were left. It seemed as if the game would go on forever!



April Ward Runnels columnist

## Process of education is worth all the toil

QUESTION: I've heard that we forget more than 80 percent of what we learn. When you consider the cost of getting an education, I wonder why we put all that effort into examinations, textbooks, homework, and years spent in boring classrooms. Is education really worth what we invest in it?



Dr. James Dobson Columnist

DR. DOBSON: In fact, it is. There are many valid reasons for learning, even if forgetting will take its usual toll. First, one of the important functions of the learning process is the self-discipline and self-control that it fosters. Good students learn to follow directions, carry out assignments and channel their mental faculties.

Second, even if the facts and concepts can't be recalled, the individual knows they exist and where to find them. He or she can retrieve the information if needed.

Third, old learning makes new learning easier. Each mental exercise gives us more associative cues with which to link future ideas and concepts, and we are changed for having been through the process of learning.

Fourth, we don't really forget everything that is beyond the reach of our memories. The information is stored in the brain and will return to consciousness when properly stimulated.

And fifth, we are shaped by the influence of intelligent and charismatic people who have taught us.

I wish there were an easier, more efficient process for shaping human minds than the slow and painful experience of education. But until a "learning pill" is developed, the old-fashioned approach will have to do.

QUESTION: My former wife and I were married for 13 years before we divorced two years ago. She has since remarried and has custody of our 12-year-old daughter.

Recently I've learned that my ex-wife is saying things to our daughter that I feel are damaging to her spirit. She frequently blames her weight problem, smoking addiction and financial woes on our daughter ("I wouldn't be in this mess if it weren't for you"). She also has no respect for our daughter's boundaries, and routinely confiscates cash gifts that are received for birthday or Christmas presents.

Since I am no longer recognized as the primary care-provider, I am somewhat hesitant to raise objections. Still, she is my daughter, and it pains me to see her subjected to this kind of abuse. Should I step in and make things right?

DR. DOBSON: I'm sure that you are witnessing is extremely distressing and I wish there were legal remedies to help you protect your daughter. Within certain limits, however, your ex-wife is permitted by the law. Please see DOBSON, page 10A.

## SCHOOL NEWS

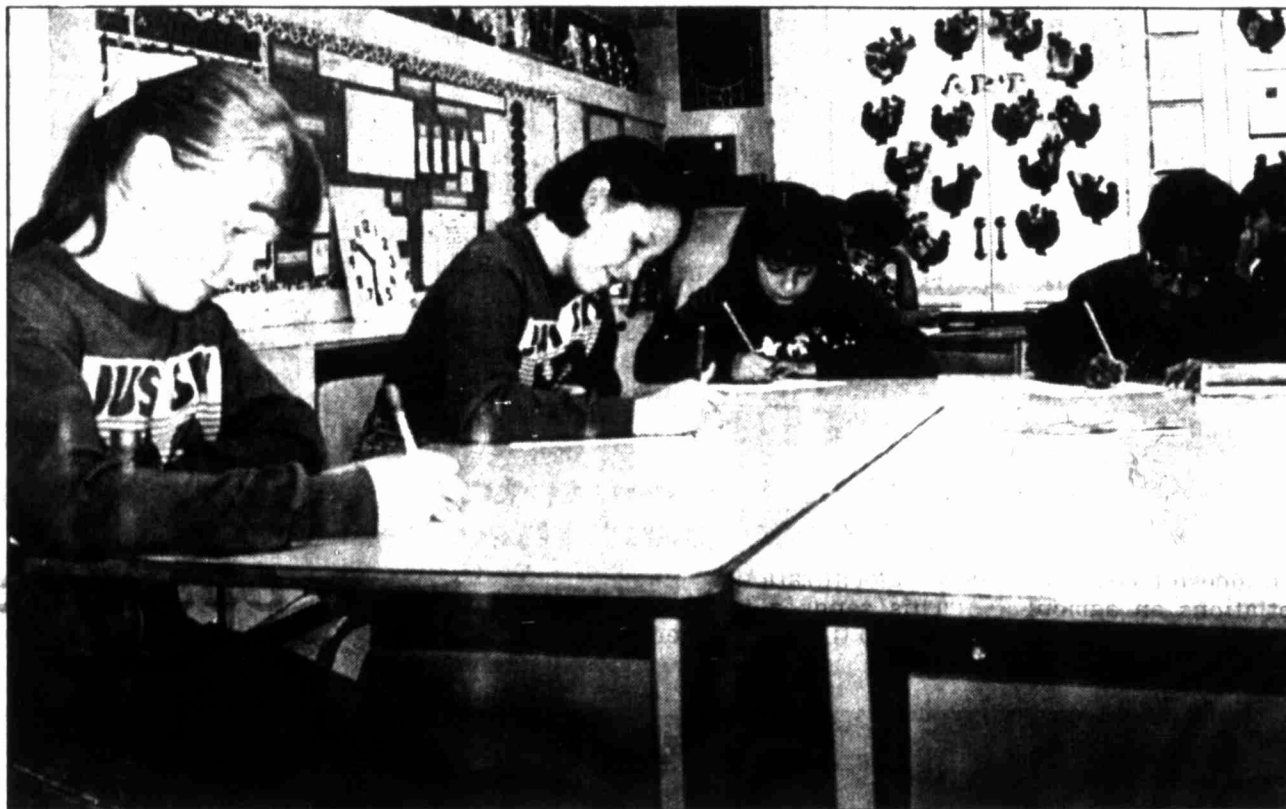
### Salute to veterans

Mrs. Green's third graders at Bauer Magnet School wrote letters to veterans at the Big Spring VA Medical Center recently, thanking them for their service to the country:

Dear Veterans,  
Thank you for fighting for our country. And I like living in America. Also, I like being free. All of you made our country stronger.  
Love,  
Joey

Dear veterans,  
Thank you for fighting for our country to make it strong. I feel very happy to be in America. I am so lucky to be free because of you. Again, thank you for fighting for our country.  
Sincerely,  
Bryan

Dear veterans,  
Thank you for fighting for our country. I love living in America because America is very beautiful. We are free because of you. We will always



Bauer third grade students, from left, Alyssa Rains, Denielle Burns, Chelsea Anderson, Bryan Juan were among those who wrote letters thanking veterans for their service.

remember you and our president of the country.  
Love,  
Maria de Los Santos

Dear veterans,  
Thank you for working for our country, and making us what we are today. I love America because of YOU!

Love,  
Denielle

Dear veterans,  
Thank you for helping our country to be free. We are free because of you. Thank you for everything else you did.  
Sincerely,  
Alyssa

Dear veterans,  
Thank you for fighting our country. I like living in America because we are free. We are only free because of you.  
Love,  
Chelsea

## CAREER CORNER

**OCCUPATION:** Oncologist  
**DUTIES:** They give medical care to Cancer patients. They consult and give medical advice to other doctors. Some are involved with research.  
**ENVIRONMENT:** They mainly work in hospitals, medical schools, or research facilities.  
**HELPFUL HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES:** Chemistry, health, algebra, biology, college preparatory, trigonometry, geometry, physics, advanced science.  
**TRAINING OR EDUCATION:** Medical schools at the University of Texas, Texas Tech, and Baylor University.  
**CERTIFICATION/LICENSES:** Must pass state board examination.  
**SALARY:** \$80,000 to \$110,000  
**JOB PROSPECTS:** good

## WHO'S WHO

Ronda L. Beene, D.O., daughter of Wayne and Martha Beene of Big Spring, has recently completed her medical residency at Dallas-Fort Worth Medical Center in Grand Prairie. She has started a family practice in the Arlington-Grand Prairie area. Dr. Beene is a 1981 graduate of Big Spring High School and earned an Associates Degree in 1983 from Howard College. She received her Bachelor's Degree from Texas Tech University and her Medical Degree from Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth.

Big Spring resident David Talbott, the father of Stephanie Talbott, a freshman pre-veterinary major, was recently a finalist for parent of the year at West Texas A&M University, Canyon. Parents of students, nominated by the students themselves, were honored Nov 1 at the University Parents Day celebration.

## Shoplifters do time learning about consequences

By CLAIRE OSBORN  
Austin American-Statesman

AUSTIN — Nick Derusha, 14, wasn't timid about explaining what happened.

"I shoplifted a labelmaker and some tape from the H-E-B at Congress and Oltorf," Derusha said one night outside Austin Municipal Court, where he was appearing for a different violation.

"I wasn't very surprised when I got caught. I was being sloppy," he said.

His mother, standing beside him, shook her head at his teen-age nonchalance. "I was very angry, especially when I learned a friend had paid him \$2 to do it," Maggie Derusha-Morris said.

Juveniles such as Nick shoplift for a variety of reasons, experts say, and the problem remains a persistent one both in the Austin area and nationwide.

Rather than relying solely on the justice system for a solution, local officials and department stores are trying a different approach. They are offering an intensive course aimed at helping juveniles understand why they shoplift and how the crime hurts their community.

In Williamson County, where juvenile offenders are given the option of taking the seven-hour class, results have been successful. Round Rock Justice of the Peace Patricia Ott said.

Among the juveniles who have taken the class, Ott has

seen only one repeat offender in her courtroom since the program began one year ago. Her court handled 67 juvenile shoplifting cases in 1996 and has seen 41 cases through Oct. 1 of this year.

About 85 percent of the juveniles who appeared have taken the class, according to court statistics.

The class uses tapes and material provided by Shoplifters Alternative, a national nonprofit organization that works with police and the courts.

The class costs about \$100 per offender, and Williamson County pays for it with money that the juveniles pay in court costs.

Mervyn's, a nationwide

department store with several locations in the Austin area, also is using tapes from Shoplifters Alternative.

Instead of being referred to police, juveniles caught stealing at Mervyn's can sign up for the home-study program, which requires them to listen to the tapes and answer 106 questions, said Ann-Marie Reid, a spokeswoman for the store.

The program started in April in the Austin area. About 200 juveniles per month are signing up for it nationwide, Reid said.

Shoplifters Alternative officials claim that the recidivism rate for juveniles in their program ranges from 1.3 percent to 2.7 percent.

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## COMMUNITY NEWS



REED

### Two top twirlers

Brooke Reed, daughter of R.C. and Delynda Reed, and Joy Humphreys, daughter of Dale and Beverly Humphreys, represented Forsan High School recently at district twirling competition at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Both girls received division I ratings, allowing them to advance to the state competition in San Marcus in May. Brooke is a senior at Forsan and Joy is a junior this year.



HUMPHREYS

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Pep rally planned Friday

A community-wide pep rally will take place Friday at Big Spring High School Steer gym, beginning at 7 p.m. It will be a "black light" pep rally and participants are urged to wear white.

The senior class will be selling glow-in-the-dark necklaces beginning at 6 p.m. Call the high school, 264-3641, for more information.

### Remember the Settles?

What are your memories of Big Spring's landmark, the Settles? Put your thoughts in writing and send them to us for an upcoming feature. Send your memories to: Settles Memories, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX, 79720.

## THE LAST WORD

Each of us is given a pocketful of time to spend however we may. We use what we will. We waste what we will. But we can never get back a day.  
Roger Wilcox

We cannot hide forever the truth about ourselves, from ourselves.  
John McCain

Everything becomes a little different as soon as it is spoken out loud.  
Hermann Hesse

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## Prison school offers some freedom from routine

JEAN, Nev. (AP) — With maps, books and pencil sharpeners, the school looks no different than any other. Report cards are handed out each term, and students are kicked out after seven absences. Tests give them the jitters.

But there are no field trips, no parent-teacher conferences.

Welcome to school inside the Southern Nevada Correctional Center, about 27 miles south of Las Vegas.

Each morning, about 200 inmates leave their cells and head to school across the prison grounds. From 8 a.m. to

3 p.m., they attend classes, hone computer skills and learn new languages.

It's here that Royal Wilcox escapes into a world without cells, a place where he has a job — and some freedom.

With funds from the state legislature, the Clark County School District operates the education program at this prison and several others in Southern Nevada. The program is voluntary, but principal Tim Sands still visits every cell, looking for recruits.

Prison officials want the program to do more than produce

inmates with marketable skills. They hope for model prisoners who set goals and handle discipline. Donald McHenry, area superintendent for the district's alternative schools and programs, calls it the prison's only real rehabilitation program.

Most of the students didn't complete the ninth grade, and many don't speak English. In the prison school, students can take high school classes, work toward their GED or take community college and vocational classes. Each month, some 900 books are checked out from the prison library.

As an incentive, completing a program earns time off a sentence. A high school diploma equals 60 days of "good time" — a small amount that can make a big difference near the end of a sentence.

As in other schools, each spring students graduate before an audience of their peers and families. For some, it's the only success they've ever achieved.

Principal Sands says, discipline is rarely a problem because the students enjoy school. For them, it beats the alternatives.

## IN THE MILITARY

Steven H. Aguirre has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

Aguirre, a 1995 graduate of Stanton High School, reported to Fort Knox for basic training this month.

He is the son of Angela Hinojosa Aguirre, Stanton.

Air Force Staff Sgt. Karen K. Matteson has arrived for duty at Dyess Air Force Base,

Abilene.

Matteson is the daughter of Ralph R. Matteson, Big Spring. She is a 1983 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Army Capt. Howard M. Brinkman has completed the U.S. Army School of Cadet Command (SOCC) at Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va.

The specialized training program is designed to prepare students for duties with the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC).

He is the son of Harry R. Brinkman, Big Spring, and Lola Schmotz, Lubbock.

## Teen Court offers youth trial by peers

By MIKE SCHNEIDER  
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Would she steal a shirt again, if she knew she wouldn't get caught? Zarida Garcia hesitated.

Then, with a smirk, the 14-year-old answered: "I don't think so."

In a courtroom full of teenage prosecutors and defense attorneys, the six teen-age jurors weren't convinced.

So they sentenced Ms. Garcia to 36 hours of community service, a tour of a city jail and a 500-word essay on temptation — the maximum sentence possible.

Why? "She didn't care about what she did," juror Taylor Cloys-Ward, 15, said. "There was no remorse."

Welcome to teen court, where juveniles in trouble with the law are prosecuted, defended, judged and sentenced by peers.

In Florida, a state with one of the nation's worst juvenile crime rates, this idea has caught on. Sarasota County started the state's first teen court almost 10 years ago. Now, 37 counties throughout the state have them. This year, an estimated 10,000 to 15,000 cases will pass through Florida's teen courts, lifting some of the burden from overwhelmed courts elsewhere.

Throughout the country, teen courts are evolving as an alternative to regular juvenile justice courts. Conceived in the late 1970s in Odessa, Texas, now almost every state has one, said Katie Self, president of the Florida Association of Teen Courts Inc.

Teen court is one of the few successes in the nationwide effort to keep first-time offenders from committing more crimes.

In Orange County, those teens who go through teen court reflect recidivism rates of only 5 percent. Statewide, the rate ranges from 8 percent to 16 percent. By comparison, the recidivism rate for rehabilitation programs dealing with more serious juvenile offenders exceeds 50 percent.

The real judges offer some perspective of that success. "It's a more relaxed atmosphere because it isn't court and doesn't have the onerous potential consequences," said Judge Jose R. Rodriguez.

The judge, who presided

over Miss Garcia's hearing, was one of the few people in the Orange County courtroom with a driver's license. He called the juvenile jurors savvy, and able to say if a kid's remorseful or he's pulling the wool over their eyes.

The courtroom mixes volunteers and juveniles now serving sentences. Before stepping into court, they receive training from real attorneys on procedure and practicalities — for example, how to present themselves before a judge.

"We teach them how to make their client not look entirely like a goober," said Robert Paul LeBlanc, an attorney who serves as an adviser. "You don't want someone who is going before a sentencing hearing to roll their eyes and say, 'Yeah.'"

Having already pleaded guilty, students who come to teen court receive a sentence. If they don't complete their sentences, they bounce into the regular juvenile court system. If they do, they can get charges removed from their records.

During their sentencing hearing, the teen-agers have the opportunity to express remorse and to apologize.

"There's a little bit of public humiliation there," said attorney Norberto Katz, also serving on the advisory board.

Miss Garcia, who was caught stealing a \$9.99 shirt, had trouble with the remorse part. After admitting that she had stolen before, but had not been caught, she stumbled on the question of future temptation.

During closing arguments, prosecutor Angela Bustamante, 13, hammered on that.

"This is not the first time she has done something like this," Miss Bustamante said.

Defense attorney Jose Cabrera, 17, tried to convince the jury that Miss Garcia had learned her lesson.

"Members of the jury, Miss Garcia made a mistake. She doesn't want to do it again," said Cabrera. Just four months earlier, Cabrera himself had appeared as a defendant, charged with driving without a license and violating Orlando's curfew.

Afterward, Rodriguez instructed Miss Garcia to face her mother and apologize.

## DOBSON

Continued from page 9A.

court to be a bad mother and even do things that are harmful to the child. If you attack her or try to place her on the defensive, you could even make things tougher for your daughter. Apart from what you can accomplish with your wife through negotiation and personal influence, then, your hands are tied.

There is, however, so much that you can do directly with your daughter, even though you don't have custody over her. Work hard on that relationship. Be there for her when she needs you. Give her the best of your love and attention when she visits. At 12 years of age, she is at the most vulnerable time of her life and needs a father who thinks she is very special. You can have a profound influence on her if you demonstrate your love and concern consistently during this difficult period of her life.

Remember, too, that the present situation may be temporary. Teen-agers are given greater latitude in deciding which parent they want to live with. By your daughter's choice, you might have custody of her in a year or two. Until then, all you can do is the best you can do. I pray that it will be enough.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.

## 'Barbie Girl' lyrics criticized by youth league

DENTON (AP) — A youth football league has declared the song "Barbie Girl" off limits to its cheerleaders, who range in age from 4 to 6.

Too racy, say league officials in The Colony, a community in southeast Denton County about 20 miles northwest of Dallas.

But some cheerleader moms are upset.

"We have been dancing to that song for the entire year," said Diane Timmons, coach of a squad that was performing a dance routine to a tape of "Barbie Girl."

"Now, the song has been banned because some freaked-out parents said the song is suggestive. We had to completely change our music and learn a new dance, all in one week before the competition."

Cheerleader teams will compete Saturday for first-place trophies. Ms. Timmons told The Dallas Morning News.

The song consists mostly of an exchange between Barbie and her boyfriend, Ken.

Barbie warbles the chorus, "I'm a Barbie girl in a Barbie world/life in plastic, it's fantastic/You can brush my hair, dress me everywhere ..."

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By JOHN A. M  
Sports Editor

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## SCOREBOARD

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Basketball	Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks, 7:30 p.m., FXS, Ch. 29	Golf	Japan Championship, first round, 2:30 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30
Football	Cincinnati at East Carolina, 7 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30	Tennis	ATP World Championships, 12:30 p.m., ESPN, Ch. 30

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## Bufs looking forward to bi-district rematch with Shallowater

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

STANTON — Mark Cotton and his Stanton Buffaloes aren't mad, they just want to get even.

Well, at least that's the plan for this week.

The No. 4-ranked Bufs aren't blatant about it, but it's clear they can't wait for a chance to avenge a 32-31 loss to Shallowater in the first round of last season's playoffs when they take on the Mustangs in a bi-district game at 7:30 Friday in Lamesa.

"It'll be a good rematch," Cotton said, doing his best to downplay the significance of getting a chance for revenge. "You always want a shot at the people who beat you and put you out of the playoffs the year before. I guess you

### AREA PLAYOFFS

**FRIDAY**  
Stanton (10-0) vs. Shallowater (5-5)  
7:30 p.m. at Lamesa

Sands (9-1) vs. Sanderson (7-3)  
7:30 p.m. at Imperial

Grandfalls (10-0) vs. Grady (7-3)  
7:30 p.m. at Lenorah

**SATURDAY**  
EP Ysleta (8-2) vs. Big Spring (7-3)  
2 p.m. at Memorial Stadium

could say everyone's happy that we get an opportunity to play Shallowater

again." Things will be somewhat different this time around, however.

A year ago, Shallowater was the District 5-2A champion, while Stanton was the 8-2 runner-up to eventual state champion Iraan in District 6-2A.

Going into Friday's rematch, the Bufs are a perfect 10-0 district champion, while the Mustangs, who dipped to 5-5 this season, are runners-up to Seagraves.

However, Cotton says he expects the Mustangs to try the same formula that provided last year's win — to control the ball offensively with their ground game and key on the Bufs' explosive tandem of quarterback Kyle Herm and wide receiver Tyron Davis.

"They're big up front ... not huge, with the exception of a couple of kids, but quite a bit bigger than we are,"

Cotton explained. "I look for them to try to run it right at us from tackle to tackle."

"Defensively, I'm sure they work on trying to double Tyron and try to keep Kyle from running with the football," he added.

The Shallowater running game highlights tailback Clint Keating following the blocking lead of the guard-tackle combination of 6-1, 260-pound Joseph Ramos and 6-foot, 260-pound Scott Crosthwaite.

"The Keating kid started at tailback last year," Cotton noted, "and with those big people (Ramos and Crosthwaite) up front, they like to come right at you."

"It's pretty much going to come down to our speed against their size," he added.

The Mustangs will have their work

cut out for them in stopping the Bufs who have outscored their opponents 415-42 this season.

Herm and Davis have been so successful, in fact, that they rarely get to play more than 60 percent of any game.

A perfect case in point was provided last week when Herm and Davis combined for three touchdown passes early in the game en route to a 77-0 blowout of Anthony's Wildcats.

In fact, Herm passed for 322 yards and five touchdowns on 9-of-12 passing in just 15 minutes of play.

To date, Herm has completed 70 of 108 passes for 1,533 yards and 27 touchdowns while being intercepted just three times. Davis has been the target on 36 of those pass completions,

See STANTON, page 3B

## Sands can't overlook Sanderson

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — Rarely does a rash of injuries translate into a district championship, but the 1997 Sands Mustangs can look back to a nightmarish 1996 season in which injuries decimated the District 7 six-man favorites as a key factor in their success this year.

When the Mustangs failed to make the playoffs last year, coach Billy Barnett took it personally and this year's Sands team paid the price.

"I'll be honest, not making the playoffs last year really put a bitter taste in my mouth," Barnett said after putting the Mustangs through an abbreviated workout session Wednesday. "I worked these kids like dogs during the off-season last year, but they stood the test and got after it."

As a result, the Mustangs finished the regular season with a 9-1 record and returned to the District 7 playoffs as their only loss coming at the hands of No. 6-ranked Grandfalls in their season opener.

The Mustangs now enter a bi-district playoff game with Sanderson's Eagles, one of three teams that tied for second place behind Grandfalls in District 8. That game is set for a 7:30 p.m. Friday kickoff at Buena Vista High School in Imperial.



Sands end Josh Long has the ball pop out of his hands after absorbing a hit during the Mustangs practice session on a cold and wet Wednesday afternoon. The Mustangs will face Sanderson's Eagles in a bi-district playoff game at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Imperial.

The secret to Sands' success has been three-fold. First, the Mustangs' defense has improved with each successive week. Second, they possess a plethora of talented running

backs that allow Barnett to keep fresh legs in the offensive backfield.

Jerrod Beall leads the Mustang ground game that has piled up more than 2,800 yards

this season, but after 10 games has not yet broken the 1,000-yard mark.

Beall has gained 953 yards

See SANDS, page 2B

## Smith says 'Cats are in win-win situation

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

LENORAH — With the prospect of facing the No. 6 ranked Grandfalls Cowboys in bi-district play Friday night, Grady coach Roger Smith draws a doubletake when he observes his Wildcats are in a "win-win situation."

A win-win situation? That's the way Smith sees Friday's 7:30 p.m. playoff game in Lenorah which will mark the first time in the school's history that the Wildcats have taken part in the playoffs two years in a row.

"It really is kind of a win-win situation for us," Smith said. "If we manage to upset them

(Cowboys), we're going to make headlines all over the state. But if we lose ... well, that's what everyone expects."

There's little question that Smith hopes the sixth-ranked Cowboys arrive just a little overconfident Friday.

"That couldn't do anything to work in our favor," Smith said. "I really hope they do come in here not taking us seriously. These kids (Wildcats) have far exceeded anyone's expectations, except for a couple of us, and you can bet we're going to show up and give them a game."

The Cowboys might not have been such an overwhelming favorite had the Wildcats fared better last week in their District 7 championship show-

down with Sands — a game in which the Mustangs romped to a 54-8 win.

While Smith isn't about to downplay the manner in which the Mustangs played, noting that Sands "executed everything perfectly," he'll quickly note there were extenuating factors involved in the lopsided loss.

Foremost among those factors was quarterback Brady Peugh's inability to play after suffering a dislocated knee cap the previous week in the Wildcats' 35-34 win over Wellman.

"We'd pretty well resigned ourselves that we wouldn't have Brady, but then our trainer comes in Thursday and announces that she believes

he'll be able to play," Smith noted. "You could see the effect it had on our kids, but when we went out there to warm up ... heck, I could have run faster."

"It really was too big a mental blow for our kids to shrug off," he added. "Sands did virtually everything perfectly, and I don't want to take anything away from their kids and what they did, but I really don't think our kids were in the frame of mind to face them."

Whether or not Peugh will be available Friday is a decision Smith says he won't make until 7:15 p.m.

"Heck, I might even wait to 7:29 or 7:32 ... it might just

See GRADY, page 2B

## UIL slaps coach, tennis players with reprimands

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — The Fort Worth Arlington Heights football coach is suspended from the upcoming Class 4A playoffs, and three tennis players from Round Rock Westwood High School have been suspended for tossing the runner-up medals they won at last week's state team tennis championships.

The reprimands were handed down Wednesday by the University Interscholastic League's State Executive Committee.

Ed Koester, coach Arlington Heights, which faces Graham Friday night in the Class 4A Division II playoffs, was suspended for the rest of this season and the first two games of next season for violating summer practice rules by holding a camp.

"I can't tell you how I've looked back at this and said I should have done this completely different or not at all," said Koester, who will be allowed to coach the team during the week but not on the day of a game.

Committee members said the entire team would have been disqualified from the playoffs except for the fact that the violation was raised at the 11th hour.

"If we had gotten this earlier in the season, I would have recommended that they be disqualified," said UIL Athletic Director Charles Breithaupt.

"I don't want to see the players penalized at this point," said committee member Lloyd Choice.

The UIL adopted rules recently to allow individuals to be punished rather than entire teams when violations committed at or near the beginning of a season are raised at the end of a season.

Koester was found to have used school facilities to hold summer workouts organized by coaches, a violation of the rules.

"It was a very grievous mistake on my part because I construed weight training and form running as not being organized," Koester said.

"There is no excuse for coaches not knowing the rules," said UIL Director Bill Farney. "This is just a blatant attempt to violate the rules."

Along with the suspension, Koester was given two years' probation and a public reprimand.

Breithaupt said the Arlington Heights booster club had acted inappropriately by trying to persuade various UIL members to recommend a favorable ruling by sending faxes and making calls.

"This was like spilling something on your kitchen floor at night and having the roaches come out," Breithaupt said. "It seems to me the booster club is a little out of control at Arlington Heights, and I think that needs to be addressed."

As a result, the committee voted to place Arlington Heights High School on probation for one year and asked for the school to come up with a written explanation of how it plans to avoid similar situations.

In a separate matter, Jamin Thompson of Round Rock Westwood was suspended from two tennis tournaments in the spring while his brother, Micah Thompson, and another player, Ryan Gerstner, each were suspended from one tournament for unsportsmanlike conduct at the conclusion of last weekend's 5A team tennis finals in Austin.

Westwood finished in second place, and tournament director Rex Spain said he saw the three players throw their silver medals into the stands.

Jamin Thompson said he dropped his medal on the ground in anger after receiving it, then threw it in the stands and smashed his racket into the sidewalk outside the tennis stadium after the ceremony.

## Panthers, Packers take Crossroads Little Football League championships

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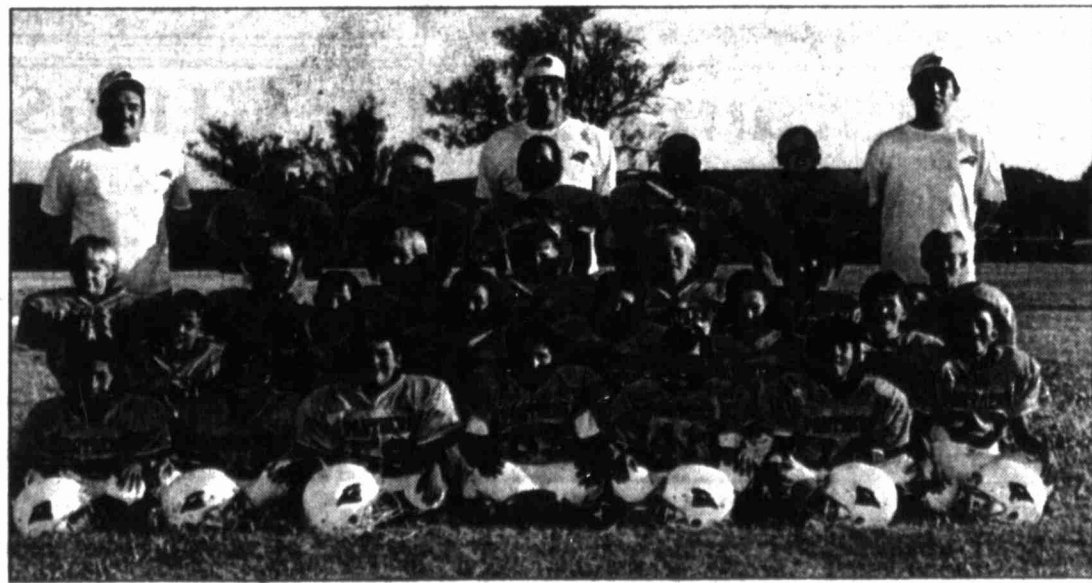
Big Spring's Panthers concluded their perfect 7-0 season Saturday with a 40-0 win over the Big Spring Steers in the Crossroads Little Football League Division I Superbowl.

The Panthers' win, coupled with the Packers' win in the Division II Superbowl game, marked the first time in several years a Coahoma team has not won at least one of the league's championships.

Three times the Steers drove inside the Panthers' 10 but on each occasion had nothing to show for the effort.

Alex Castillo provided touchdown runs of 25 and 75 yards for the Panthers, while Adam Johnson added a 12-yard touchdown run and caught a two-point conversion pass from quarterback Matthew Hilario.

The final score of the game came when Hilario hit Castillo coming out of the backfield for a 20-yard touchdown pass.



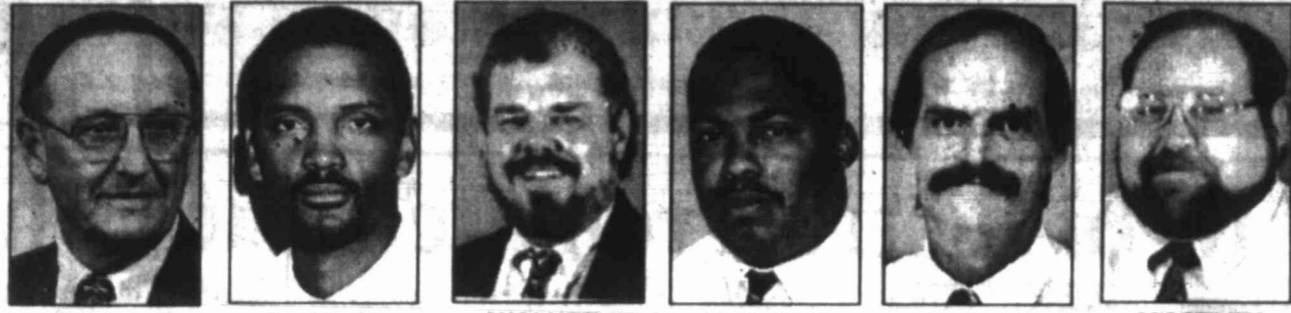
Here are the Division I Crossroads Little Football League champion Panthers. Front row, from left, are: Matthew Ybarra, Jesse Berry, Ricky Dominguez, Rocky Garcia, Michael Baeza, Matthew Hilario and Alex Castillo. Second row: Rondell Trevino, Tallan Coyle, Abel Moreillon, Manuel Gonzales, Nicholas Ross and Julian Garcia. Third row: Dustin Paul, Adam Johnson, Kellen Gillstrom, Jared Hudgins, Brent Holsebeck, Eric Herrera and Justin Wright. Back row: Coach Vivian Garcia, Logan Wright, Brandon Hildebrand, Michael Green, coach John Plaia, Euryin Winters, Jerry Don Duffer and coach Gerald Cobos. Not pictured is coach Steve Decker.



Here are the Division II Crossroads Little Football League champion Packers. Front row, from left, are: Randy Haymes, Nicholas Rivera, Jerry DePorto, Jeremy Armstrong, Matthew Correa and Andy Urias. Second row: Michael Ornelas, Jimmy Yanez, Danie Dickens, Tavience Clemmons, Jettley Walker, Logan Churchwell, Curtis Osborne and Jeremy Cerda. Back row: Coach Randy Phillips, Steven Heffington, Michael Parker, Jeffrey De Los Santos, Jared Phillips, Nicholas Rushing, Cole Pierce and Rocky Salazar Jr. Not pictured are Trey Perez and Brandon Jaramillo.

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**Griffey gets MVP Award  
Rodriguez missed in '96**

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SEATTLE — It was a no-brainer, right? Nobody else had Ken Griffey Jr.'s numbers in the American League last season. He led in home runs with 56 and was tops in the majors in RBIs with 147. The Gold Glove center fielder also led his league in runs scored (124), total bases (393), slugging percentage (.646), extra base hits (93) and intentional walks (23). Still, Griffey wasn't sure if he was going to get his first Most Valuable Player award on Wednesday. He saw what happened to Seattle Mariners teammate Alex Rodriguez last year. "I didn't really want to think about it," Griffey said. "I've never been in this situation where I was called the front runner. You know how superstitious I am. When anybody wanted to talk about it, I said, 'We'll wait and see what happens.'" He didn't have to worry. In fact, he became the league's ninth unanimous MVP.

"Sure, I'm happy," he said. "I'm still in a little bit of shock. I'm still nervous. I really don't know what to say or how to react." Runner-up to Frank Thomas of the Chicago White Sox for the award in 1994 despite an AL-leading 40 homers, Griffey received the biggest honor of his career a little more than a week shy of his 28th birthday. Griffey, who will earn \$7.75 million to play for the Mariners in 1998 and is contracted through 2000, is an eight-time All-Star. "This award means a lot," he said. "You always think about being the MVP." It would have meant more if the Mariners would have made it to the World Series, Griffey said. Unfortunately, Griffey didn't hit much (.138) and the Baltimore Orioles eliminated Seattle in the playoffs, spoiling the Mariners' second AL West title in three years. "We fell a little short this year," he said. "Hopefully, we'll get back to the playoffs next year. My goal in baseball is to win the World Series."

**SANDS**

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his sea-on and scored 16 touchdowns, but Anthony Santu, Robin Cisneros and Robert Cisneros have each piled up between 600 and 700 yards and scored nine touchdowns each. But perhaps most importantly, Barnett says, there are no so-called stars on the Mustangs roster. "This team has a great team concept," Barnett acknowledged. "We try to spread the ball around and that's really one of the key parts to our success." Probably the best example was a couple of weeks ago when he was playing Klondike. "We'd moved down the field and Anthony Santu had broken one to get down to their (Klondike's) 5-yard line and it was time to change rotations.

"I sent Jerrod and Robert in for their rotation," Barnett continued. "They both started onto the field, turned around, came back and said, 'Coach, Anthony got us down there, let him score the touchdown.'" Barnett says the unsung heroes, however, are a four-some of linemen — center Cal Zant, and ends Jesus Porras, Josh Long and Jacob Calvio — who have improved immensely this season. "They don't get the recognition they deserve, but that's been a big difference," the Sands boss added. "Our offensive line has gotten better ... a lot better. Those four guys do a good job of sealing off the point of attack. You put that all together, and this group of kids have improved more than any team I've ever coached." While the Mustangs might appear on paper to be an obvious favorite over the 7-3 Eagles,

Barnett knows all too well that he and his team can't overlook Sanderson. "The thing that concerns me the most is that their district is so much tougher than ours," explained Barnett, who has experience with the opposition in District 8, having coached at Dell City one season before coming to Sands. "There are no easy games over there. It's a slugfest every night." In addition, Barnett notes the Eagles have a number of potent offensive weapons. "They're awfully quick and do some things that nobody we've played does," Barnett said. "They run an unbalanced line with a triple option threat. You could call it the six-man version of the Wishbone." "They're extremely big and physical up front," he added. "They like to take the ball and stick it to you right up the middle."

**GRADY**

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depend on who wins the toss as to when I make that decision," he explained. "If he's ready to play, he'll be out there." Peugh, who has passed for 636 yards and nine touchdowns, is no only a primary contributor to the Wildcat offense, but is also the team's defensive leader — tops on the Grady tackles list with 72 solo stops and 44 assists this season. The true key to Grady fortunes, however, will be the effectiveness of sophomore Frankie Garza, who has rushed for 1,617 yards on 197 carries and scored 24 touchdowns — almost four times as much production as fullback Jed Hinojosa, who's gained 425 yards and scored 11 touchdowns. The Cowboys will counter with running backs Roy Vasquez and Alfonso Marcua —

a one-two punch that has produced 2,447 yards this season and 54 touchdowns. Vasquez leads the way with 1,423 yards and 29 touchdowns, while Marcua has 1,024 yards and 25 touchdowns to his credit. "They deserve that No. 6 ranking," Smith said in looking at the Wildcats bi-district opponent. "They're not tremendously big like Sanderson, but they're extremely fast. They also have a lot of kids ... travel about 25 ... and the second bunch is probably as good as the first team." Offensively, Smith says he expects the Cowboys to operate out of a spread formation, making the most of Vasquez's and Marcua's speed. "We don't have a lot of kids out and basically depend on seven kids," Smith said. "They're going to try to run our legs off. Defensively, they're

going to line up in a 4-2 look and try to bring people as hard and fast as they can. They like to keep you from getting set up and throw the ball and to keep you from turning the corner on the sweep." The Wildcats won't be making a number of changes in an attempt to offset the Cowboys' speed and numbers advantage, however. "It's too late to try and make a bunch of changes ... you stay with what got you here," Smith explained. "We'll try a couple of different looks, but we'll be operating out of our base offense. We'll just try to run at them. That's all we know how to do." "We'll have to play an almost perfect game," Smith added. "We've got to play solid defense and do what we can to keep from letting them make the big play."

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giving him 920 receiving yards going into Friday's bi-district game.

"We took him (Herm) out of the game with nine minutes left in the second quarter," Cotton said, admitting that the limited playing time is sometimes frustrating for both him and his quarterback.

"He was frustrated the other night and you can't blame him," Cotton added. "It's frustrating for me, too. There's not any question in my mind that we've got the best quarterback in the state, but he's not getting the playing time to get the recognition he deserves."

"The same's true for Tyron," he added. "Every quarterback in the state would like to have a receiver like him. He's really made some tremendous catches ... caught some balls I'm not sure anyone else could."

"Of course, we wind up having to do the same thing with him. They both play a couple of quarters and then we bring in our reserves because we're so far ahead."

The advantage, however, is the Buffaloes' reserves are now almost as potent as the starters.

After Herm and Davis were pulled from the offensive scheme — both contribute heavily on defense — reserve quarterback Will Harris rushed for two touchdowns against Anthony and running back Brett Hull rushed for two touchdowns, matching the two scores starting halfback James Jenkins compiled.

"It's certainly a plus for the team that our backup people have gotten the experience that allows us to use people almost interchangeably," Cotton acknowledged.

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Nov. 13.

**CENTRAL**  
**BROWNWOOD:** Water fairly clear; 63 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are fair on large spinners and on Carolina-rigged worms fished around points. Hybrid strippers and white are fair on live bait and on small crank baits. Crappie are good on live minnows fished in 15 to 30 feet of water. Blue and channel catfish are fair on live bait and reels baited with cut bait.

**BUCHANAN:** Water fairly clear; 2 feet low; 62 degrees; black bass to 6 pounds are fair to good on Texas and Carolina-rigged worms and on spinners. Striped bass up to 4 pounds are fair on live shad and live perch fished in the deep water. White bass are on live bait, slabs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on shiners fished in 15 to 30 feet of water around crappie barges, lighted docks and over baited holes. Channel catfish are fair on stink bait, cut bait and cheese bait fished over baited holes.

**SOUTH**  
**AMISTAD:** Water clear; 75 degrees; black bass up to 5 pounds are good on crank baits. Bass are also coming on jigs and Carolina-rigged worms fished during the midday period in deep water. Striped and white bass are good under lights on dark nights fished with live bait and under the birds. Catfish are good on rod and reels and on trotlines baited with worms, cheese and shrimp.

**CHOKI:** Water murky; 60 degrees; black bass to 5 pounds are slow to fair on large spinners and on worms fished during the midday period. White bass are slow. Catfish are fair on cheese bait and shad baited on trotlines and on night crawlers fished on rod and reels.

**WEST**  
**KEMP:** Water fairly clear; black bass to 4 pounds are fair on soft plastic jerk baits and spinners fished on the outer edge of grass and around points. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait. Catfish are fair on Mr. Whisker's Cheese Bait.

**O.H.I.V.E:** Water fairly clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries; black bass up to 8 pounds are fair on crank baits, spinners and Texas-rigged worms fished over rocky points. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished over baited structure. Channel and blue catfish are fair on blood bait and cut fish. Flathead catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait fished in the river.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; black bass to 5 pounds are fair to good on spinners and on Carolina-rigged worms. Striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait and spoons. Crappie are good on minnows fished in 20 to 30 feet of water. Channel catfish are fair to good on cheese bait and cut bait. Yellow catfish are on live perch.

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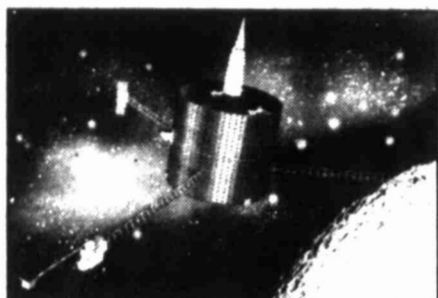
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**Lunar Prospector**

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**Exploring the moon**

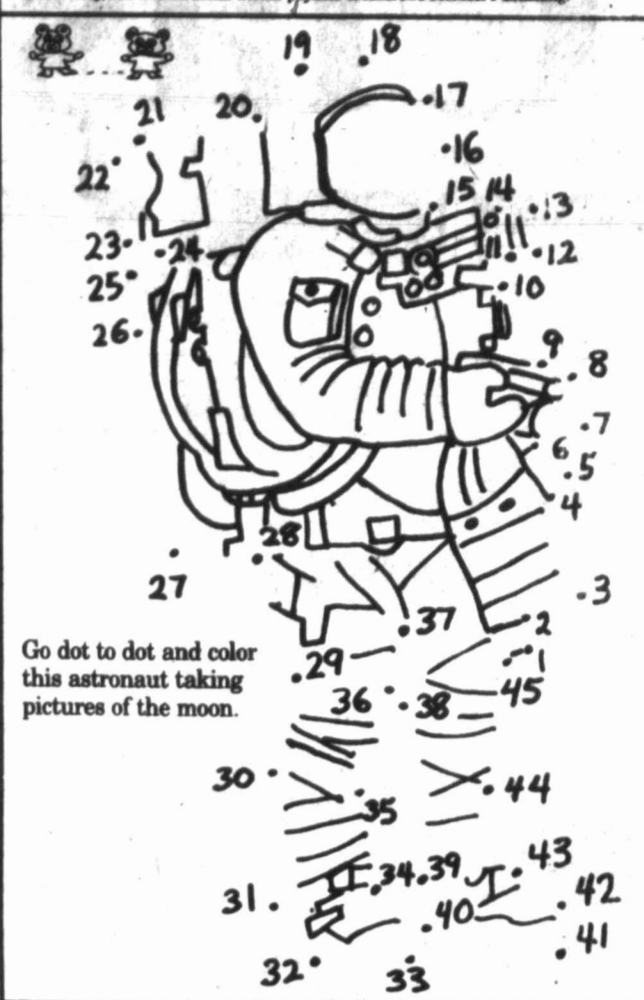
Prospector is a low-cost mission. It cost about \$63 million to develop. In comparison, the Apollo program cost billions.

We have been sending spacecraft to the moon for almost 50 years. In 1959, the Russian Luna spacecraft was the first probe to touch down on the moon's surface. Ten years later, people were walking on it. Today the world's space agencies are planning several more missions.

You can find more about moon missions on the Internet at:  
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The 1997 moon mission will be unmanned. When the U.S. landed men on the moon in 1969, it was humankind's first step off our home planet. Astronauts last set foot on the moon in 1972. Here Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin climbs down from the lunar module to become the second man to land on the moon. Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon, took this picture.

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**Rookie Cookie's Recipe**

**Moon Rocks**

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  - 1 teaspoon cinnamon
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  - 3 tablespoons water
  - 3/4 cup raisins

- What to do:
1. Combine the first 6 ingredients in a 9-by-13-inch, microwave-safe pan. Mix well and spread evenly.
  2. Pour oil and water evenly on top.
  3. Microwave on HIGH 4 minutes.
  4. Stir and spread evenly again.
  5. Microwave on HIGH 2 to 3 minutes. Let stand until cool.
  6. Add raisins and mix well. Makes about 5 cups of granola.

**Mysterious Moon**

We can tell a lot about our closest neighbor in space by taking a close look at this photo taken in 1969, during our first visit to the moon. Notice:

① **The sky.** It is always black because the moon has no air. Colored skies, such as the Earth's blue one, occur when sunlight hits air particles.

The moon has no atmosphere (the gas and air surrounding a body in space).

② **The flag.** While it appears to be waving, it had to be wired to stand out as if the wind were blowing. There is no wind on the moon.

③ **The footprints.** Astronauts' footprints will stay on the moon for millions of years. Because there is no atmosphere, there is no weather to wear them away.

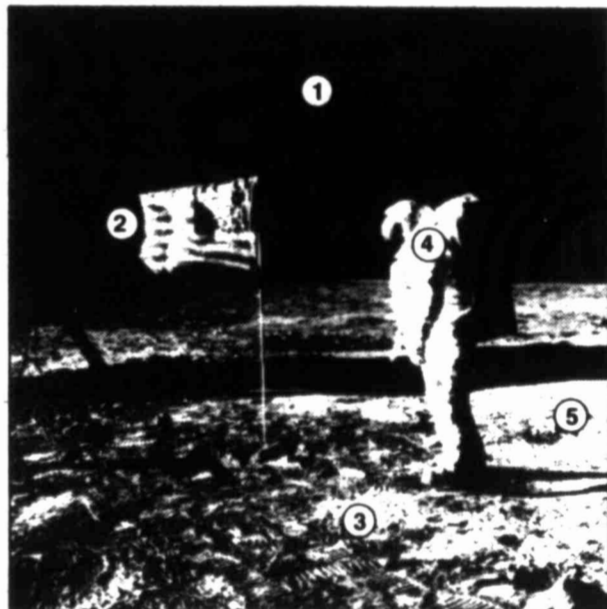
④ **The spacesuit.** Spacesuits protect the astronaut from radiation, very hot or cold temperatures, tiny meteorite hits, and lack of pressure from the atmosphere. The backpack carries oxygen.

There is no noise on the moon. Because there is no air, there is nothing to carry sounds. Astronauts have to communicate with each other by a radio built into the helmet.

⑤ **The moon's surface.** It is made of the same kind of rocks and minerals that make up the Earth. But because there is no air and no liquid water, there is no life.

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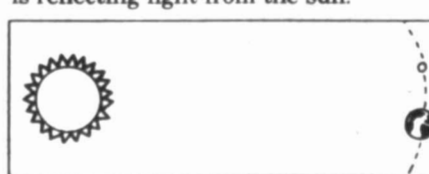
Next week The Mini Page celebrates Children's Book Week with an interview with Rosemary Wells and information about Caldecott and Newbery Award winners.



"Buzz" Aldrin stands near the U.S. flag that Apollo 11 astronauts planted on the moon.

**Bright neighbor**

The moon is the second-brightest object in our sky. Only the sun is brighter. The moon does not shine on its own. It looks bright only because it is reflecting light from the sun.



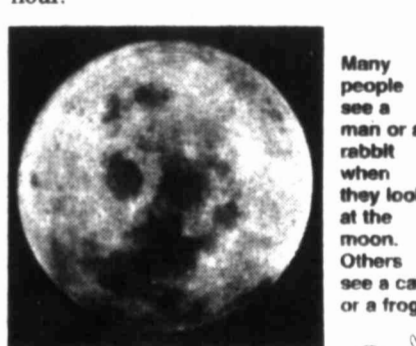
The moon is Earth's only natural satellite. (A satellite is a body that circles another, larger body.) Many planets have moons. Saturn has at least 18.



The moon is covered with meteorite craters, some with sides rising thousands of feet. For more than 4 billion years, meteorites have been crashing into the moon. There is no atmosphere to stop them.

**Moon fact-a-roonies**

- The moon...
- is about 240,250 miles from Earth.
  - takes about 27 days to completely circle the Earth.
  - can get as hot as 270 degrees F in some spots, and as cold as 240 degrees F below freezing at night in other spots.
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PUBLIC NOTICE THE STATE OF TEXAS TO JOHN HODNETT, Defendant in the cause described in this citation. You are hereby commanded to appear and answer before the Honorable District Court, 11th Judicial District, Howard County, Texas at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10:00 a.m. on Monday the 8 day of Dec., 1997, then and there to answer the petition of Citizen's Federal Credit Union filed in said Court on the 23rd day of June, 1997, against, Defendant, and the said suit being Cause No. 97-06-37-758-CV, on the docket of said Court, and entitled, Citizen's Federal Credit Union vs. John Hodnett. The petition discloses the nature of the suit which is a suit on a note.

The Court has authority in this suit to enter any judgment or decree in the Plaintiff's interest which will be binding upon you. Issued and given under my hand and seal of said Court at Howard, Texas, this 20 day of Dec. 1997. GLENDA BRASEL DISTRICT CLERK P.O. DRAWER 2138 BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79721-2138 GLENDA BRASEL CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS COLLEEN BARTON, DEPUTY 1625 October 30 & November 6, 13, & 20, 1997

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication.

Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry; mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, NOV. 14: Unique, diverse opportunities surround professional life this year; you ascend the company ladder in leaps and bounds. Be aware of those in a position to help you, rather than believing you are in complete control. It is through these associations that you achieve your greatest success. If you are single, you could meet the love of your life through a business dealing. A high-profile romance is likely. If attached, you and your mate grow closer by accepting each other as individuals, then working as a team. TAURUS propels you into the spotlight.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) A money matter comes to a head; you can't postpone the inevitable. Deal with it now, and get it out of the way. You'll feel better once it's behind you. Your career shines, and a boss lets you know how impressed he is! Tonight: Chat up a storm.\*\*\*

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A relationship doesn't go the way you expect it to, but you will be pleasantly surprised by a financial matter that crystallizes later in the evening. Plan on staying late at the office, even if it is Friday; you won't regret it! Tonight: Create a masterpiece.\*\*\*\*

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take it easy; you'll need all the energy you can conserve for a bang-up evening. A professional partnership transforms into an unshakable team effort. The outcome of your combined effort is beyond either of your wildest expectations. Tonight: You're on a roll!\*\*\*\*

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Rise with the sun; you work best early in the day. Friends support you, and colleagues seek out your ideas. Your take on how things should be run is clear, but you can't do it alone. Delegate tasks that need to be done in the afternoon. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.\*\*\*\*

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are in the limelight; whatever you do is common knowledge, for better or worse. Keep this in mind as you work on an intensely creative project. If a relationship is your focus, be diplomatic. A promotion or raise is in the works. Tonight: Be with friends.\*\*\*\*

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VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Communication flows, and you and another are of like mind. Put this connection to work on a career project. Tying up loose ends makes Friday all the more worth arriving at. The boss confides that you're about to get a raise. Tonight: Head home.\*\*\*\*

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) An advantage comes your way in a financial matter; this is fortunate and comes at a time when you need it most. Later in the evening, you turn your attention to more educational interests. Tonight: Two heads are better than one!\*\*\*\*

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) An all-out donnybrook could arise from a disagreement with a partner. His spin on an important issue is a 180-degree turn from your's. You'll never completely agree, but if you're diplomatic and lose your ego, you can reach a middle ground. Tonight: Work late.\*\*\*\*

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) As much as you might not be inclined to do so, you could be of valuable service to a needy colleague. You feel exhausted, but if you drag yourself up and to the rescue, it will energize you and make a lifelong ally. Later, you'll be your old, lively self again. Tonight: Hoot and holler.\*\*\*\*

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Popularity is at a high level. Don't be shy when others seek you out. Sometimes you are all work and no play; it's time to shine socially. Around quitting time, word of a special honor or recognition reaches you. Tonight: Celebrate with co-workers!\*\*\*\*

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Great news comes from a friend you're crazy about; it's a win for both of you. You're so excited, you can barely remain one more minute at the office, but there's still more for you to do. Attend to small details as soon as possible. Tonight: TGIF!\*\*\*\*

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Talks concern home renovation; check everything a second time before installation. Creativity is high, and you are willing to immerse yourself in what you're doing. Ask friends to get in on the action. Tonight: Get pizza delivered.\*\*\*\*

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Truck Month

'98 Ford Explorer

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MSRP.....27,965  
Brock Discount.....1970

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MSRP.....13,605  
Brock Discount.....610

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Retail Price.....18,085  
Factory Discount.....1100  
MSRP.....16,985  
Brock Discount.....1235  
TOTAL SAVINGS.....\$2335

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GOSS TEENERS

Woman's prince charming is turning out to be a frog

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and is unwilling to take on the legal and financial responsibilities of marriage. Regardless of the reason, what is missing from this relationship is his willingness to make a legal commitment.

There's an old saying, "If you're looking for trout, don't go fishing in a herring barrel." If it's marriage you desire, stop hanging out to a man who is disenchanted with the institution and find one whose values are more in keeping with yours.

DEAR ABBY: When I read the items in your column about the definitions of "elderly," I had to share this:

About 12 years ago, my husband, "Jeff," and I, our two young children and all of Jeff's family gathered for a five-generation dinner. Jeff's great-grandfather, who was 97 years old at the time, was visiting for the first time since our children were born.

Also in attendance was his daughter, my husband's "Grandma Hazel," aged 72.

All of us women were in the kitchen preparing the dinner when I noticed that Grandma Hazel was drinking a soda. In the eight years that I'd known her, I had never seen her drink one. She drank a beer now and then — but never a soda.

When I commented to Grandma Hazel that I had never seen her drink a soda in all the years I'd known her, I was floored by her reply. She leaned over and whispered, "I know. I had to put my beer into a soda can because Dad doesn't approve of my drinking!" — YOUNG WHIPPERSNAPPER, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR WHIPPERSNAPPER: Regardless of age, we're all children in the eyes of our parents and we seek their approval. Evidently, Dad had never approved of Hazel's drinking habits. As the old expression goes, "To get along, you need to go along."

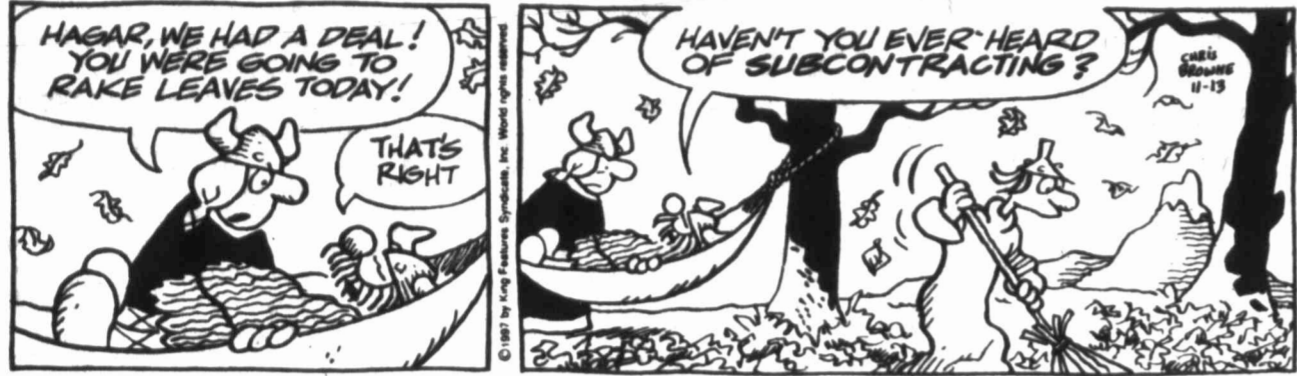
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THURSDAY

NOV. 13

TV schedule grid with columns for station (KMBD, KPEJ, KERA, etc.) and time slots (6:30, 7:00, etc.) listing various programs like News, Simpsons, and movies.

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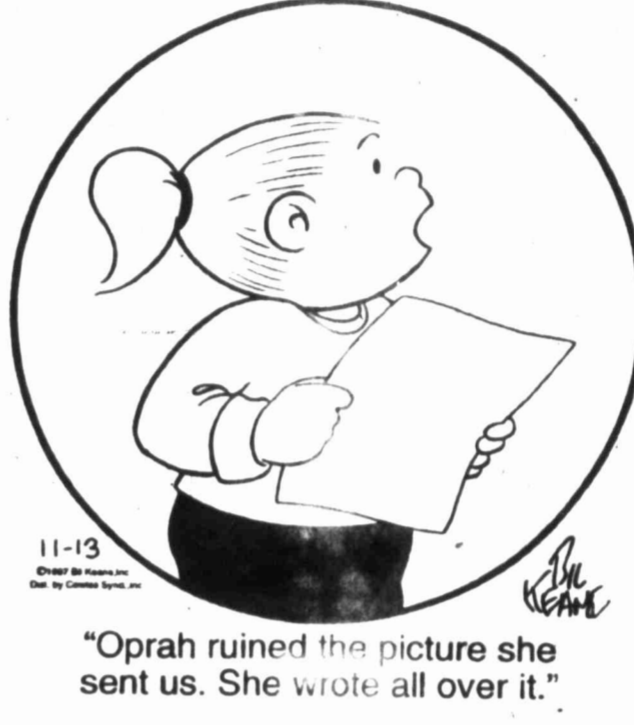
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY... Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 13, 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote a letter to a friend in which he said, 'In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.' On this date: In 1775, during the American Revolution, U.S. forces captured Montreal.

THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words. Includes a solved Wednesday puzzle and a list of words.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information: 915-263-7331 (Fax) 915-264-7205. Lists staff members like Chuck Williams and John H. Walker.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Elam is 81. Actress Madeleine Sherwood is 75. Actor Richard Mulligan is 65. Producer-director Garry Marshall is 63. Country singer-songwriter Ray Wylie Hubbard is 51. Actor Joe Mantegna is 50. Musician Andrew Rankin (The Pogues) is 44. Actress-comedian Whoopi Goldberg is 42. Actress Tracy Scoggins is 38. Rock musician Walter Kibby (Fishbone) is 33.